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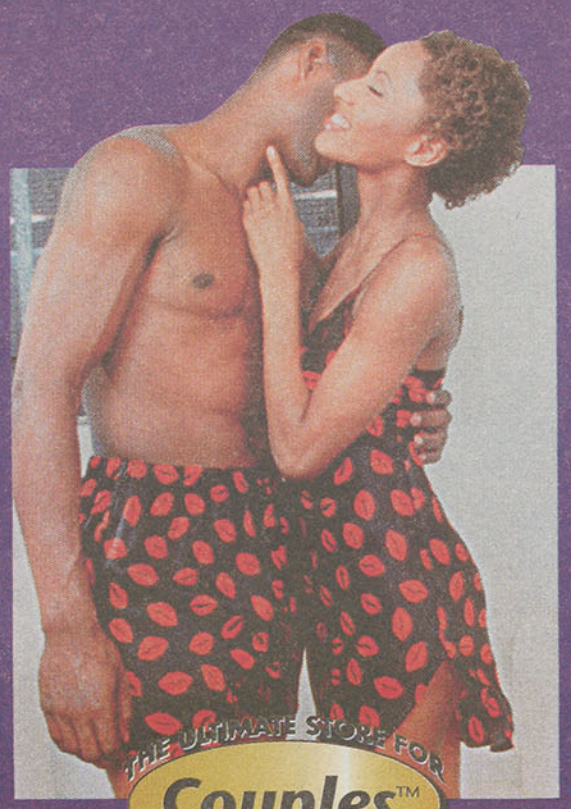

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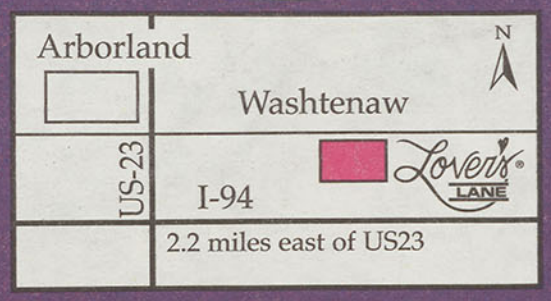

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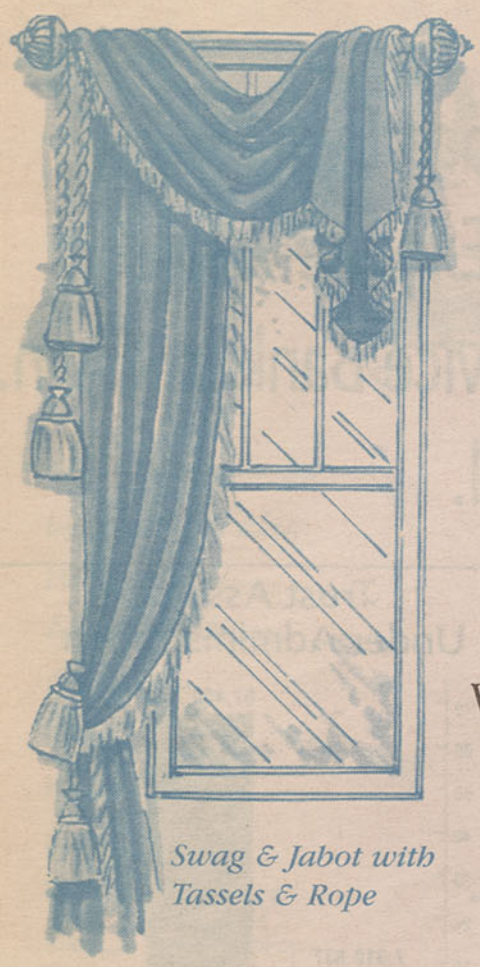

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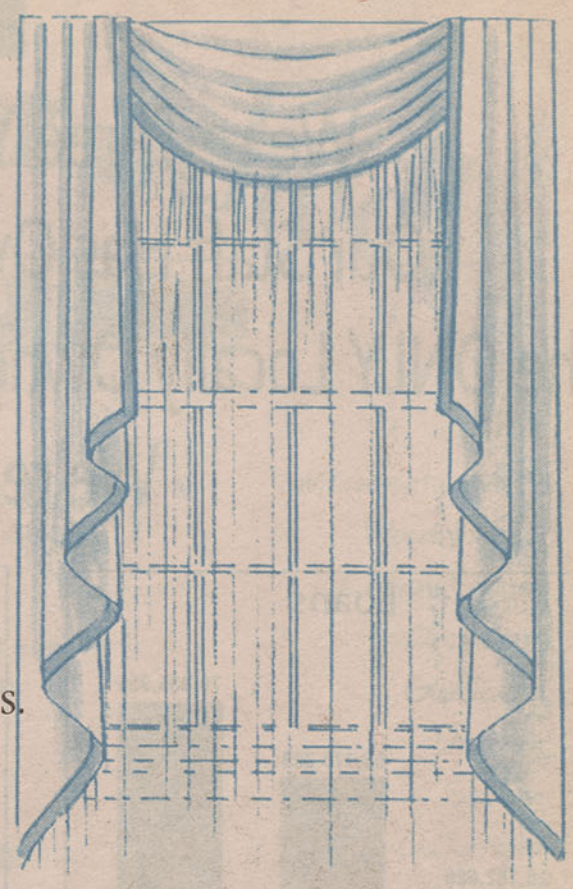

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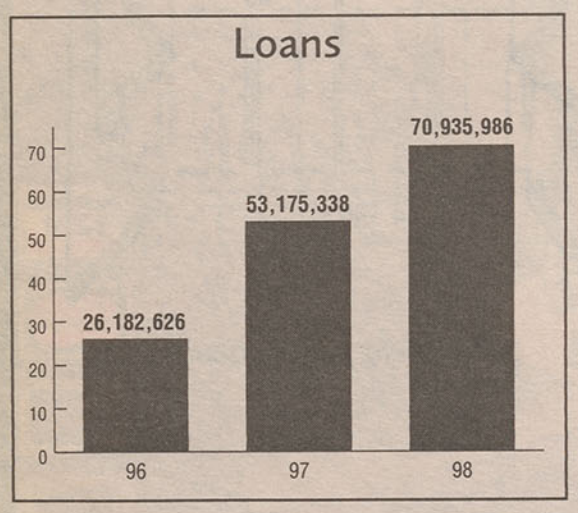

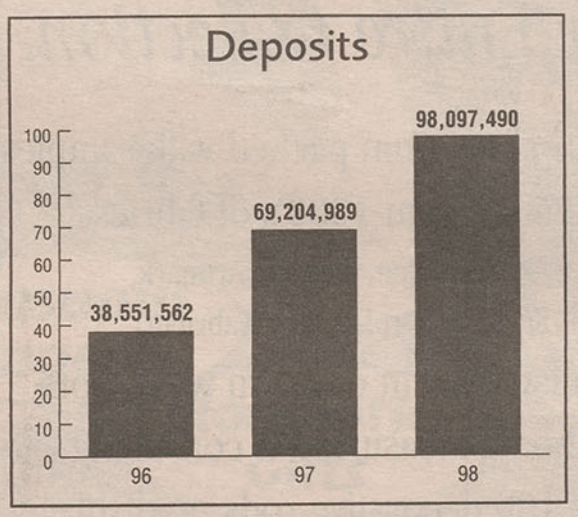

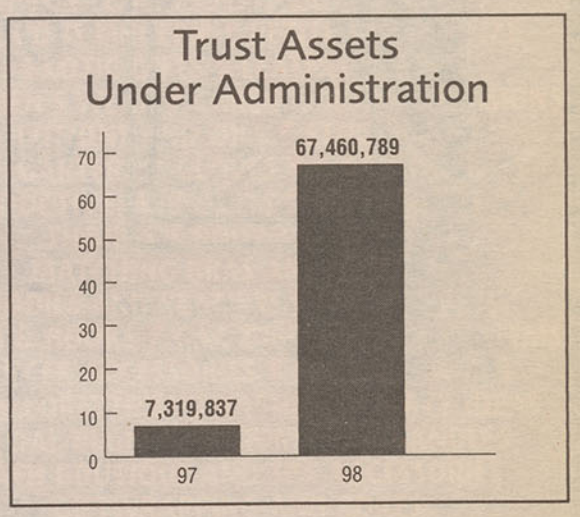

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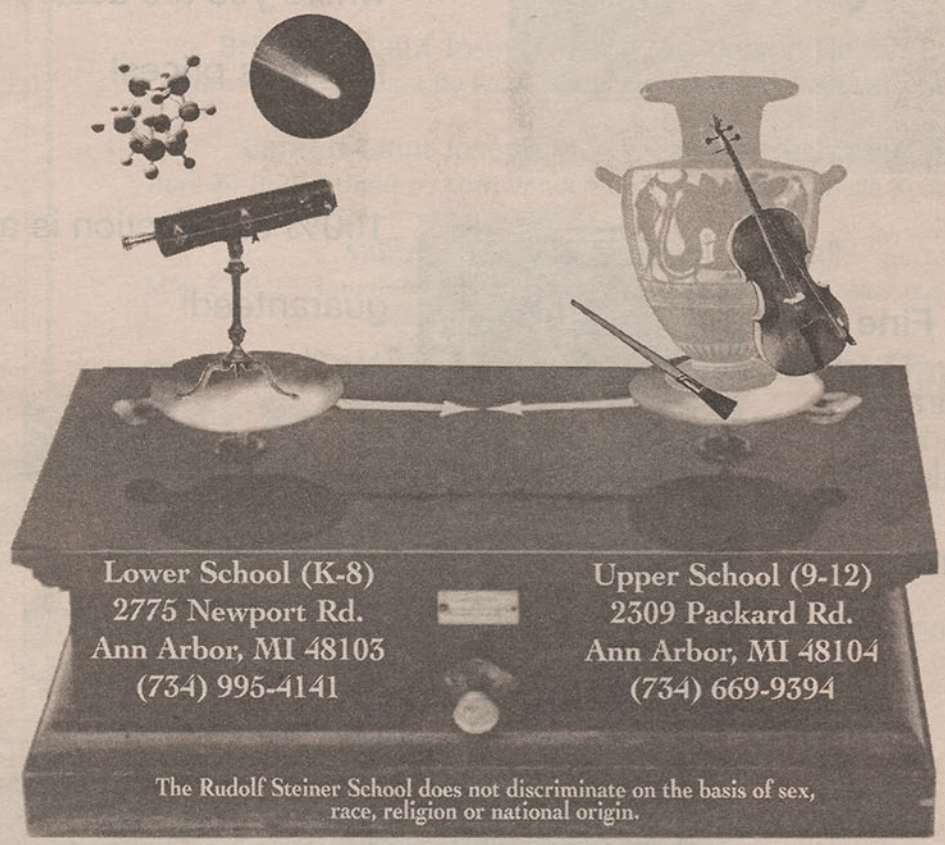

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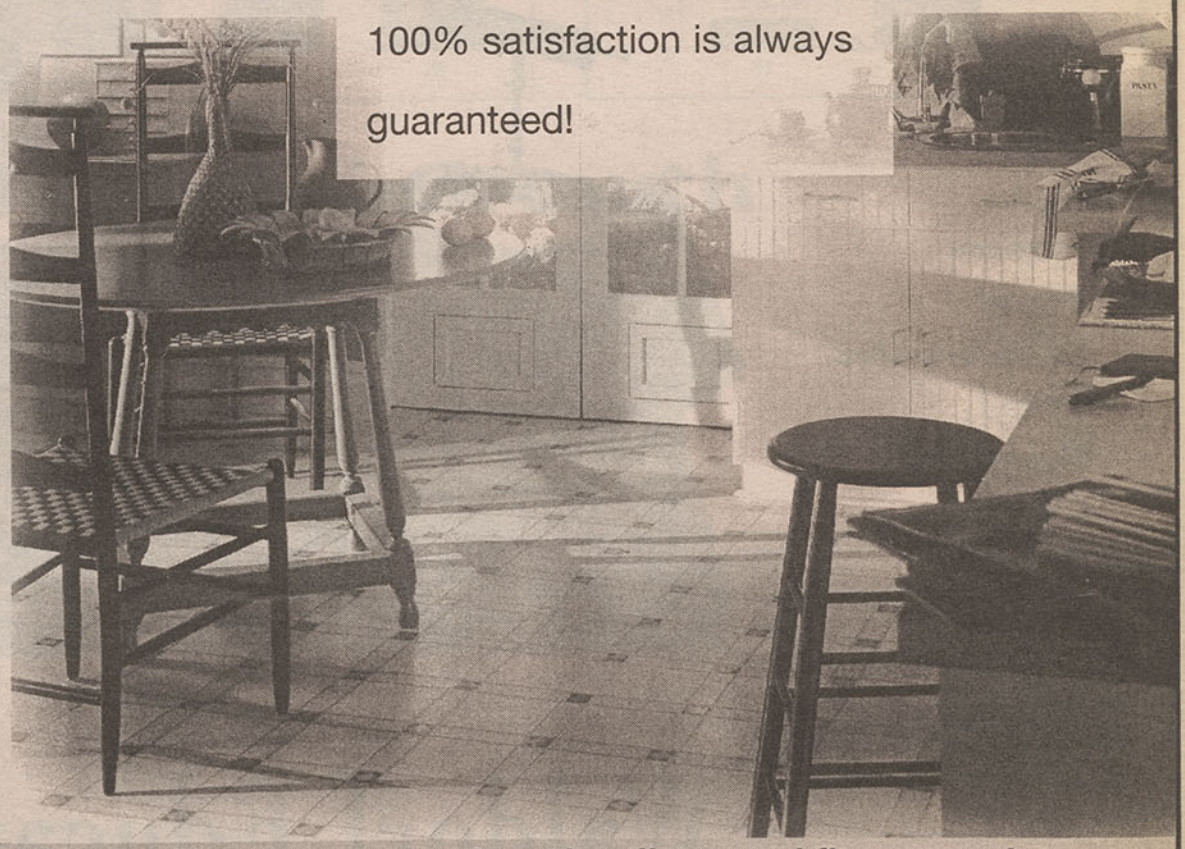

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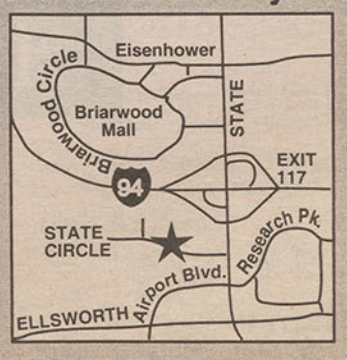

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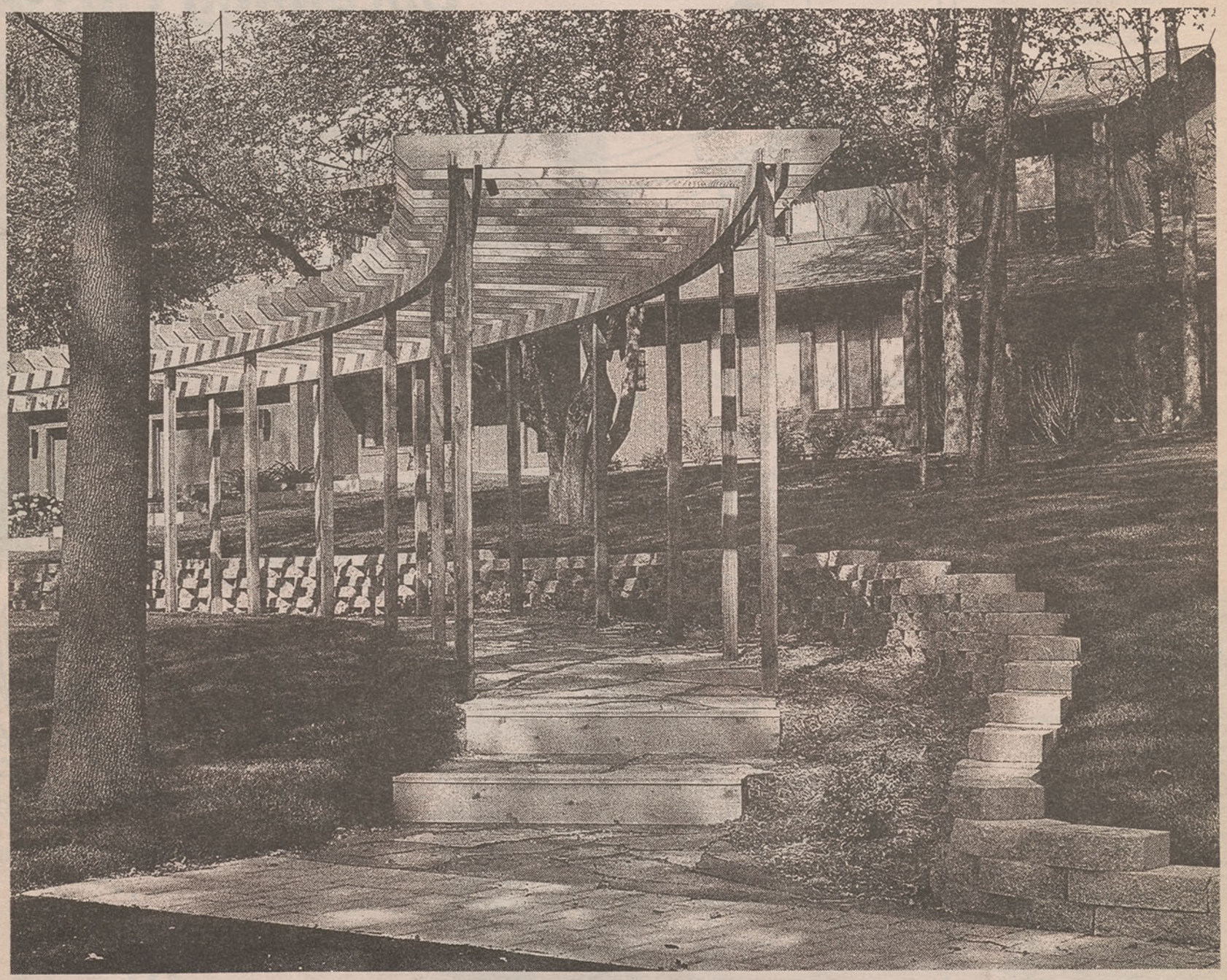

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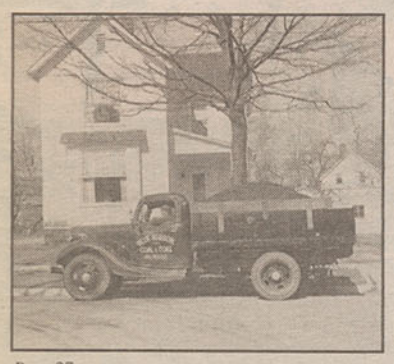

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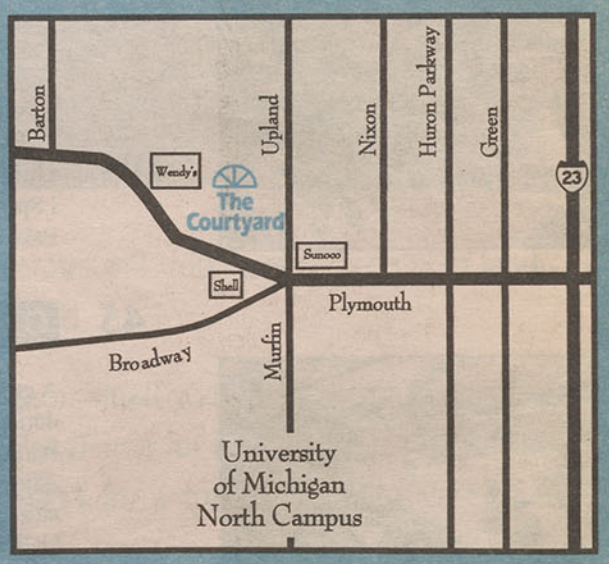


UPFRONT

"It's something right out of a movie," says U-M pest management specialist Dale Hodgson. He's talking about the **enormous horde of crows** that can be seen at dusk over sylvan Forest Hill Cemetery on Observatory. After circling the cemetery, the birds proceed in a steady stream over the U-M Exhibit Museum on Geddes Avenue to roosting spots on campus and in adjacent neighborhoods.

Some say the crows have learned that such brightly lighted urban locations are good places to avoid one of their main predators, light-shy owls, which hunt them at night. But Mike Kielb, the wonderfully well-informed education coordinator of Nichols Arboretum, dismisses that as **"a bunch of bunk.** Horned owls are hunting all over Ann Arbor at night." Kielb says the main reason crows congregate in town on winter nights is that it's a little warmer here than in the countryside.

Hodgson estimates some 8,000 crows now make Ann Arbor their home from nightfall until daybreak, when they fly out to farm fields to feed. Walking after dark under a tree thickly populated with roosting crows can be **a messy proposition.** Some people actually use umbrellas around the U-M Art Museum and the dorms just across State. To encourage crows to find other roosting spots, Hodgson uses **small flare guns** that make a loud siren noise and bright light. He waited until the students left for Christmas break to begin this season's "shock therapy."

What does it cost? . . . **$311**—for a night at Ann Arbor's most expensive lodging, the presidential suite at the Campus Inn. It has two baths and two TVs with VCRs, but only one wet bar. . . . **$43.50**—the cost of a thirty-minute airplane ride from Ann Arbor Airport for up to three passengers, as quoted by the Aviation Center. . . . **$100**—the typical cost for fifty minutes of therapy with an Ann Arbor clinical psychologist. . . . **$30**—the average cost for a half-hour haircut at a downtown hair salon. . . . **$2.50**—the price per person per hour for the use of a pool or billiard table after 6 p.m. at the legendary billiards room in the Michigan Union (it's $1.50 per person per hour before 6 p.m.). . . . **$375**—the cost per ounce of Michigan-grown sinsemilla marijuana, as quoted by a local dealer.

Ann Arbor's biggest, boldest, **most outrageous billboard** is back in form. Located on North Main at Ann Street above the Main Party Store, the looming ad rents for $4,000 a month, well over the typical cost for Adams Advertising's other 170-plus billboards in Washtenaw County. Back in the 1980s, the well-lit spot became infamous for its provocative "Feel the Velvet" Scotch ads that featured **enormous sexy images of reclining femmes fatales.** Now, after a sober period promoting the U-M Medical Center, the billboard is once again displaying controversial ads. In December it featured two young women suffused in giggles, apparently close to falling-down drunk. The accompanying caption said, **"Laugh until the MGD [Miller Genuine Draft] flies out your nose."** Of course sanctimonious beer execs regularly vow that they in no way encourage intemperate consumption of their beverages, especially in a college town like Ann Arbor. But the ads keep coming. In January, the billboard showed the midsection of a man holding two bottles of Miller, one in each hand. The caption, in memo form, said: "FOR: both hands."

"There's been a lot of tears shed in that room," says Sergeant Greg O'Dell, the Police Department's polygraph tester for the past four years. He was referring to the little ten-by-twelve-foot room in the basement of City Hall where the $15,000 computerized machine is kept and the lie detector tests are administered. A surprising number of suspects, O'Dell points out, confess during the **soothing pretest interview.** Three-quarters of those who take the test and fail it confess after learning the results.

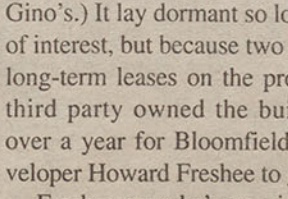
Because the tests are so helpful in investigations, there is considerable demand for them. Sometimes O'Dell, one of four officers in the department who have law degrees, has had to schedule tests a month ahead of time. He gave about 120 of the time-consuming tests a year. Since his promotion to sergeant, O'Dell is now a patrol supervisor as well as the department's legal advisor. His successor as polygrapher, Officer Chris Fitzpatrick, is finishing the extensive training required to administer the tests.

U-M M.B.A.'s are raking in the bucks. Students have an average of only five years' business experience before entering the two-year program, one of the most respected in the country. Right after getting their degree, these twenty-something graduates get median compensation packages of over $100,000 a year in many parts of the country. Highest paid are strategy consultants in the Northeast.

We dropped by the **Vault of Midnight** comic book shop at Fourth and Huron near the Observer offices and asked the clerk, who sported an audacious shock of bright yellow hair, what's hot in comics these days. In a flash, he answered, ***"Transmetropolitan.*** It's my favorite and the best seller we've got."

We bought the November and January issues of *Transmetropolitan*, and discovered its disturbing stories take place in a highly dysfunctional America in the near future. The protagonist, gonzo journalist Spider Jerusalem, is a smart-aleck, hard-living Hunter Thompson type who fights the cynical, corrupt establishment, which seems oblivious to the horrendous amount of crime throughout the land.

AMCRACK EXPRESS. . . . Word on the street is that some of the crack dealers who infested Wheeler Park last summer were commuting from Detroit by train: the Amtrak station is conveniently located across Depot Street from the park. Users regularly congregated under the park's covered picnic shelter to get high. In 1998 police were called to Wheeler Park or its environs 149 times, perhaps a city record for **park troublesomeness.** Two suspected crack houses nearby fueled the problem. One is now condemned and the other under surveillance.



The problem grew to such a level that police and Parks Department personnel met with fifty park neighbors to get their input on how to squelch the noxious activity. New lights have been installed under the picnic shelter, police are setting up a **ministation** in the small building at the park's northwest corner, and City Council voted in January to **close the park at 10 p.m.** instead of midnight.

The long-vacant building at Washington and State, most recently occupied by **Olga's** restaurant, has finally been sold. The building is an oddball in the campus area, a freestanding suburban-style restaurant built by the short-lived Gino's chain back in the 1970s. (**Rose Martin,** of Peace Neighborhood Center fame, moved to town to open Gino's.) It lay dormant so long not for lack of interest, but because two companies had long-term leases on the property, while a third party owned the building. It took over a year for Bloomfield Township developer Howard Freshee to gain control.

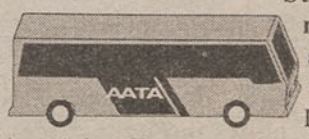
Freshee says he's considering two options. He may fix up the present building and erect a second building on the small parking lot between the former restaurant and the building just south on State. Or he may **tear down the building** and use the entire lot to build a multistory structure with shops on the first floor and apartments above.

Fewer and fewer U-M students in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are opting for a Bachelor of General Studies degree instead of a regular major. The grab-bag degree became the college's most popular concentration in the free-wheeling 1970s, when students were less concerned about the marketability of their diplomas. But now the B.G.S. has fallen to eighth place, with only 128 degrees conferred of 3,702 in the 1998 LS&A graduating class.

Psychology remains number one, with almost 14 percent of the majors, followed by English (10.3 percent) and political science (10 percent). Rising in popularity is economics, with 314 majors (8.5 percent). Sociology, in seventh place behind biology and history, is gaining, some say because of its many soft courses.

"People tend to get more excited about price increases than decreases," points out Fingerle Lumber co-owner John Fingerle. So if you aren't a builder, you probably didn't notice that lumber prices at Fingerle's, Ann Arbor **gargantuan lumberyard,** remained remarkably flat throughout 1998. Fingerle's uses the cost of framing a 2,000-square-foot ranch house as an index for fluctuations in soft SPF (spruce, pine, fir) lumber prices. The total was about the same at the end of 1998—$11,850—as at the beginning. By comparison, the index stood at $13,100 five years ago, in January 1994. British Columbia remains the main source of SPF lumber.

John Fingerle owns the yard, one of the biggest in the country, with his brother Mark and cousin Larry. He says they have their hands full improving operations at their one location and have no plans to create clones elsewhere. "We like Ann Arbor very much," says John. "Would we start to spend more and more of our time commuting? I wouldn't like that. **I like living about three minutes from where I work."**



State Street merchants are in a stew over a December Ann Arbor Transportation Authority ad encouraging people to park their cars on the city's periphery and take the bus into downtown, what with the **current parking disarray** caused by repairs and rebuilding of structures. Sensitive to anything that alludes to the hassles of parking downtown, and that might disrupt all-important holiday shopping, some merchants went so far as to suggest the ad **destroyed their Christmas sales.** ■

SNOW REMOVAL

City of Ann Arbor

When there is light snow or ice on road surfaces, the city's Transportation Division clears 75 miles of high volume streets, bridges, intersections with stop signs or traffic signals, and streets with curves. De-icing materials are applied to provide better traction for vehicles to help prevent accidents at high–risk locations. The street clearing process takes about five hours and may be repeated as needed. After the major and high-risk streets are cleared, city crews de-ice the local streets in the city, which requires ten to twelve hours.

When a snowfall of four inches or more occurs, street snow plowing begins. At this point a number of city departments become involved, supplementing the Transportation Division's equipment and operators. While the Transportation Division crews clear the major streets, Parks and Recreation and Utilities Division crews begin working on the residential streets. Plowing is done on all public streets and city-owned property; however, all schools and privately owned areas provide for their own de-icing and plowing. Citizens are advised to remove cars from curbside parking to allow for effective street plowing.

A city snow desk is staffed during snow emergencies. The snow desk tracks the location of plows throughout the city and provides information to the public about the plowing progress. You may reach the snow desk at 994-2359.

The City Administrator may declare a "snow emergency" during a severe winter storm. During a snow emergency, special parking restrictions go into effect for all streets in the city. Illegally parked cars will be towed and impounded.

Where street parking is normally permitted, restrictions go into effect to allow curbside access to city crews to clear the street surfaces:

• **On even-numbered days, cars may not park on the even-numbered sides of these streets** in order to allow plows to clear the even-numbered side of the street. Parking is permitted on the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses. After the street has been plowed, normal parking may be resumed on both sides of the street.

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• **Designated snow emergency routes must be kept clear of parked cars at all times during the snow emergency.**

When there is a snow event in Ann Arbor, the city depends on its citizens to be helpful, responsible and aware of the need to remove all snow and ice from the public sidewalks. During the winter months, many Ann Arbor residents (including children walking to school and the physically challenged) need to be able to safely use the public sidewalks. This means that all snow and ice should be removed from the entire width of the public sidewalk. This enables people of all ages and physical conditions to have access to clean pedestrian walkways. City Council has passed an ordinance regarding snow removal (violations can result in fines up to $500), but reminds you that sidewalk snow removal is simply a combination of courtesy and caring toward all those who need to use the public sidewalks. The city reminds owners or occupants of non-residentially zoned properties that all snow and ice which has accumulated on the adjacent public sidewalk prior to 6 a.m. shall be removed by noon. Immediately after the accumulation of ice on such sidewalk it shall be treated with sand, salt or other substance to prevent it from being slippery. Ice should be removed within 24 hours after accumulation. Within 24 hours after the end of each accumulation of snow greater than 1 inch, the owner or occupant of every residentially zoned property shall remove the accumulation from the adjacent public sidewalk. Remember, accumulation can occur from any source including precipitation and drifting. Ice shall be treated and removed as mentioned above. Last but certainly not least, please exercise caution and care when shoveling, especially during extreme cold.

Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Winter Season from the City of Ann Arbor

Please save for reference throughout the snow months.

INSIDE ANN ARBOR

IN Politics

Impeachment Mail

More than 600 Ann Arborites called, wrote, or E-mailed Congresswoman Lynn Rivers in the weeks leading up to the House of Representatives vote to impeach President Clinton.

Ann Arbor makes up less than a quarter of Rivers's district but accounted for almost half of her mail on impeachment. Rivers's office didn't track the number of pro and con messages, but it's a good bet the Ann Arbor response was pro-Clinton—the president polled an amazing 73 percent of the local vote in 1996. Matt Frankel, an aide to Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow, says her mail was split fifty-fifty on whether to bring the president to trial. (Both Rivers and Stabenow voted no.)

Despite the historic nature of the vote, the response from the public didn't set any records. Impeachment "is up there, but not the top issue" in terms of constituent mail, says Rivers aide Shelley Simpson. Legislation changing the status of credit unions, of all things, attracted more voluminous and more furious lobbying.

Following the House vote, citizens quickly shifted their focus to the Senate—within days, Carl Levin's office was bombarded with 7,000 messages. Levin's staff hasn't kept a running total, but on January 19, they counted the day's mail for us. Out of eighty-nine messages on impeachment, fifty-six called for conviction and thirty-three for acquittal.

Condo Quarrel

Opponents of a condominium project on a hill overlooking North Main want a city park on the site instead.

Friends of the Bluffs, a group of North Main area residents and conservationists from throughout the city, is asking the Ann Arbor Parks Advisory Commission to protect eighteen acres now slated for development. They say Farmington Hills developer Steven Schafer's Autumn Ridge condominium project would create an eyesore on the highly visible bluffs at the entrance to the city.

The activists want to use the property to expand adjacent Bluffs Park. Wendy Lynn, a resident of North Main, says the bluffs are great for hiking, bicycling, wildlife watching, and stargazing. "It would be horrible to have [condos] at the entrance to the city," she says.

There are already six major parks in the vicinity—Argo, Bandemer, Barton, Bird Hills, Bluffs, and Kuebler-Langford—and deputy parks superintendent Jerry Clark questions the call for more. "Bluffs Park [already] fills the need for a park in that part of town," he says. "And at this point I don't see how we could afford it." Assuming the city would have to put up only 25 percent of the purchase price, with a state grant funding the rest, the land would still be about a quarter-million-dollar investment.

Clark reports that Schafer has agreed to create a natural-area buffer for the development and also to provide parking space and vehicle access to Bluffs Park. According to a city report last year, the Bluffs Park site "offers an unparalleled vista of the Huron River valley," but at the moment, it's reachable only by foot. "There's quite a benefit to Bluffs Park out of this project," Clark says.

But some members of the commission are on the neighbors' side. "I think a park would present a better picture of Ann Arbor as you come into town, instead of driving through a corridor of development," says commissioner Herb David, downtown guitar studio owner. In January, commissioners directed parks staff to write to the city planning commission expressing a number of concerns about Autumn Ridge.

It isn't certain how opposition to Schafer's project may affect the county's plans for a new homeless shelter. Last August, Schafer snatched up a nearby office complex, University Park, just as officials were considering the idea of buying it for a shelter site. So far, Friends of the Bluff and homeless advocates haven't joined forces.

IN Charity

Andean Gift

Software entrepreneur Ted Annis started off giving clothes and Christmas gifts to residents of a Peruvian mountain village. He ended up building them a water system.

Annis first saw the village of Yunckaypata (population 200, elevation 12,000 feet) in 1996, while traveling with his daughter, Jessica. An acquaintance had offered to show them the "poorest place around."

It was, Annis recalls, "a *very* poor place: forty-five families living in adobe houses with a dirty stream running through the village providing the only drinking and bath water. There was one electric wire in the village, a small adobe school. . . . No telephones. No medical facilities."

After returning to Ann Arbor, Annis sent money to a Peruvian contact, who purchased Christmas presents of clothing (120 pairs of pants, 120 shirts), shoes, and candy for the children of the village. The next spring, he returned to Peru, this time accompanied by his wife, Ann. The villagers surprised them with a thank-you ceremony complete with dancing, music, and lots of chacha (home-brewed corn beer). And then, in Annis's words, "They popped the big question. Would I help them build a water system?"

Annis thought about it, consulted an engineer and a lawyer to see if it was feasible, and said yes. Last April, he went shopping in Lima for three and a half miles of plastic pipe. He rented a storage yard and bought tools, boots, and hard hats for thirty workers from the village. "I paid each person eight dollars a day and they donated their Sundays," he recalls. "It was water for their families, and you can believe they were motivated! In two months, working seven days a week, they dug, by hand, a three-and-a-half-mile trench, three to five feet deep in places."

Meanwhile, another crew built two concrete reservoirs (one to divert water from a mountain stream, the other to collect it just above the village). Finally, they laid a four-inch water main into the village, with one-inch taps leading to each house.

Water started running in Yunckaypata in July 1998. Annis estimates the whole project cost him $60,000.

The Peruvian project came together just as Annis was easing out of an intense computer career. A software designer at Ford for eighteen years, he and colleague Gail Jackson quit in 1984 to start their own company, Supply Tech. Concentrating on electronic data interchange software for auto industry suppliers, they were so successful that in 1997, Harbinger, a large, publicly traded company headquartered in Atlanta, paid $44 million in stock for the company, giving Annis both the means and the leisure to help Yunckaypata. He's now thinking of setting up a scholarship fund to help two village children each year.

Annis will be in Yunckaypata March 1 to attend a celebratory pig roast—and to receive a special gift. The villagers have informed him they are giving him a strip of land for a house and a garden. The land comes with a one-inch pipe that will bring water to his front door.

COURTESY TED ANNIS

An adventure travel tour of the Andes led Ted Annis to adopt the Peruvian village of Yunckaypata.

Extra Help

A downtown shelter has a new owner and a new purpose: to provide housing for folks who need extra help to live on their own.

Avalon Housing is buying the former WIT (Women in Transition) House on Ashley from the Shelter Association. Executive director Carole McCabe says that Avalon, which was founded in 1991 to provide affordable housing for the homeless, plans to use the building as a single-room-occupancy residence for individuals it cannot now help—"people with multiple impairments, people who need more support."

Avalon already operates more than 100 low-income apartments. Its active management style, in which staffers follow residents' progress closely, has enabled the group to provide stable housing for the working poor, single mothers, people with disabilities, recovering drug addicts, and the mentally ill, many of whom had never before been capable of long-term independent living. But there are still people who have eluded Avalon's reach.

With the acquisition of the new property, which has room for on-site services, and with money budgeted to employ an overnight supervisor, Avalon intends to fill that gap. The night supervisor can help tenants "vulnerable to being preyed on, who have trouble saying no, to make good choices about their guests," explains McCabe. Other Avalon properties will also benefit from having a staff person available all night, because "night is when stuff

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happens," in McCabe's experience.

In an interesting coincidence, McCabe was WIT House's first director. The transitional residence "worked best for women in [drug or alcohol] recovery," she recalls, but was less successful for the mentally ill. WIT House went through two three-year grant cycles but then lost funding. After the financially ailing Shelter Association was placed under the control of a government-appointed committee last year, it was decided to close the house and another transitional residence, for men, in Ypsilanti.

The Shelter Association sold WIT House to Avalon so that the building would continue to be used for low-income housing. "The shelter had the property without funds to operate it, while Avalon had a HUD grant but no property," explains Michael Appel, Avalon's development specialist. Avalon is paying the building's assessed value, $190,000, but the final cost will be much higher: Avalon will have to catch up on years' worth of deferred maintenance and will have to create an operating reserve to cover the enhanced management. Most of the money needed will come from a $370,000 HUD grant.

The Downtown Development Authority is contributing more than $136,000 to the project. "Avalon is built on a strong reputation of making this type of housing work," says DDA executive director Susan Pollay. She predicts that Avalon "will make the neighborhood as comfortable having this house as any other in the neighborhood."

IN Sprawl

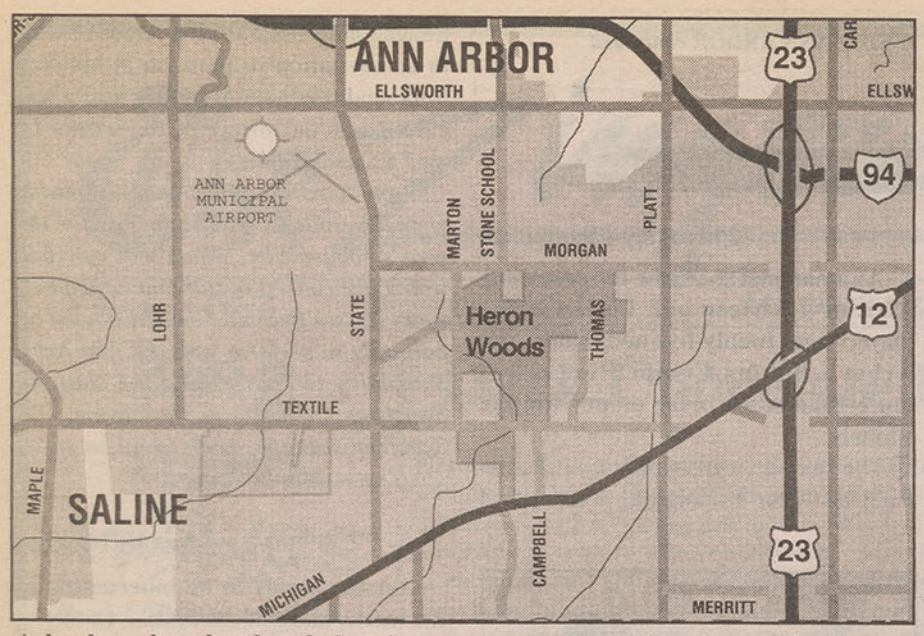
Heron Woods RIP

Plans for a massive, 1,000-home subdivision in Pittsfield Township are dead—and some of the land may become a township park.

In 1997, Stuart Sherr's application to build a 435-acre development called Heron Woods triggered a battle in the fast-growing township south of Ann Arbor. Neighbors organized the activist group Forever Green, which has since pressed township officials to preserve open space and place new limits on development. The demise of Sherr's plan attracted much less notice: according to the township supervisor, Doug Woolley, the Heron Woods proposal was quietly withdrawn late last year.

Now the Pittsfield Township Parks Commission is taking steps to buy part of the Heron Woods site—a sixty-acre parcel of farmland, woods, and marsh south of Textile Road owned by Hillsdale College. Commission chair Doug Finn says a formal letter of interest has been sent, and that Hillsdale officials "seemed pretty confident we would end up with [the parcel]."

Forever Green wants the township to buy the sixty-acre property and another ninety-three-acre site the college owns within the Heron Woods area. But Finn says the township "didn't have nearly the amount of funds necessary" to buy both. Though a price for the Textile parcel has



A developer has abandoned plans for an enormous subdivision just south of town.

not yet been negotiated, he says that other bids on the property have been in the neighborhood of $6,000 an acre.

Any purchase will still have to be approved by the township's board of trustees. So far, most board members are reserving judgment. "All of us are interested in acquiring property for parks and recreation," says Woolley. But he insists he won't take a position without knowing the price, whether the purchase will qualify for state matching funds, and how the park would be used.

The prospect of a park is good news to Tina Lirones. She helped organize Forever Green after seeing Sherr's proposal to surround her farm with homes and condos. Lirones lives across Textile Road from the Hillsdale property, and says, "I would love to have a park across the street."

Though the giant Heron Woods plan is dead, much of the site could still be developed piecemeal. Finn says Hillsdale is taking bids on its ninety-three acre parcel, and other nearby properties have For Sale signs.

IN Business

Hotel Glut?

A spate of new hotels in Ann Arbor may create bargain rates for visitors—and headaches for existing hotel owners.

The number of new units is impressive:

- **Holiday Inn Express** is opening a 107-room hotel next to the Crowne Plaza on Hilton Boulevard.
- **Candlewood Suites** opened in December on Waymarket Drive off Eisenhower with 122 suites.
- **Hawthorne Suites** opened last October on Green Court off Plymouth with 82 suites.
- **StudioPlus** opened last June on Boardwalk with 70 suites.
- **Extended StayAmerica** opened on Briarwood Circle in summer 1997 with 112 suites.
- **Residence Inn** on Victors Way added 42 suites in September 1997.
- **Towne Place Suites,** an extended-stay chain owned by Marriott, plans to build on a big lot at Signature and Eisenhower.

The new innkeepers are competing fiercely. Through February, for example, Candlewood Suites is charging only $45 a night for a studio suite, which includes a fully equipped kitchen with dishwasher, refrigerator (with ice maker), microwave, pots and pans, condiments, cups, and plates. Along with a big TV come VCR and CD players, two telephone lines, and free use of washing machines.

Local hotel keepers are nervous that a growing room glut will erode Ann Arbor's currently healthy hotel occupancy rate of 71 percent. Room prices have risen slowly but steadily since the lodging industry pulled out of a long recession in 1992, and the last thing they want is a price war. Chuck Skelton of Hospitality Advisors says Ann Arbor's full-service hotels now get an average of $81 a night, while limited-service lodgings average $58.

Residence Inn general manager Mark Pavlicek was particularly irked when he learned that his parent company, Marriott, was planning yet another extended-stay lodging, its third in Ann Arbor. He's fighting the Towne Place Suites project on the corporate front at the same time that neighboring residents are fighting the rezoning necessary to build the hotel. "It wasn't that long ago," moans Pavlicek, "that we were all running fifty-percent occupancy and not doing well. It was about a seven-year recession. Are people that stupid that they forget about it? When I first heard about the proposed Towne Place Suites, I thought someone was pulling my chain. When I realized it was an actual proposal, I'm, like, 'That's ridiculous!' "

This is an especially bleak time of year for Ann Arbor hoteliers. Their big money-making events are all during the warmer months: the U-M graduation weekend in May, followed by the three Michigan Speedway events and the Art Fairs in summer, and the six U-M football weekends in fall. Says the Sheraton Inn's Jim Cohen, "From Thanksgiving through the end of February, it's like a ghost town here. Everybody's scrambling for business."

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IN Culture

Minority Musicians

As a national showcase for promising African American and Latino string players ages twenty-five and under, Ann Arbor's Sphinx Competition offers more than mere prize money for the winners.

The twelve finalists and semifinalists from last year's inaugural competition

COURTESY AARON DWORKIN

Isaac Stern inspired young musicians at last year's Sphinx Competition.

were seen and heard by some of the world's premier classical artists, composers, and conductors. "Isaac Stern came for part of the finals," says Aaron Dworkin, founder and executive director of the competition. "He spent individual time with a majority of our semifinalists. I can't even express the impact it had on some of our young players."

Sphinx is a competition for violin, viola, cello, and double bass. "It's that area that's probably most pronounced in terms of the underrepresentation of minorities," Dworkin explains. U-M music professor and administrator Lester Monts, a Sphinx advisor, recalls, "When I was growing up you rarely saw an African American in a symphony orchestra, particularly in the string section." Dworkin finished his master's at the U-M two years ago, and his performing experiences weren't much different. "In almost all of those environments," he says, "I was the only black violinist."

Dworkin came up with the idea for the competition in 1996. Encouraged by violin professor Stephen Shipps and arts vice-provost Paul Boylan, he founded a nonprofit organization to launch the event. The U-M is a partial sponsor and provides space, and a dozen area businesses and nonprofits help with funding. Still, money remains tight. "I'm generally the last guy to get paid," says Dworkin, adding that one of his goals is to stabilize funding sufficiently to keep "a roof over my head." Besides running Sphinx, he is working on a recording that will blend the sounds of electric violin and classical music with African American poetry.

Last year, two Chicago violinists, Tai Murray and Christina Castelli, tied for first place and shared a $15,000 prize. Castelli, now a college junior, says her introduction to Stern in Ann Arbor resulted in an invitation to perform at his New York studio last summer. "He said a solo career was definitely in the works for me," Castelli recalls.

From hundreds of entrants nationwide, eighteen students will be invited for this year's competition, which will conclude with a free concert at Hill Auditorium February 28 (see Events). Finalists win the opportunity to perform with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. Semifinalists earn scholarships to prestigious summer music camps.

Art in Motion

Artrain seems to be hibernating on the tracks alongside the NEW Center on North Main Street, but the Ann Arbor–based arts resource is busy with interior maintenance and planning a new exhibit, *Artistry of Space*.

Since 1973, Artrain has brought its rolling art shows to more than 600 towns in forty-four states, and it will add another thirty-six to forty in the coming year. President and CEO Debra Polich says the train has a dual mission: to bring art to people who wouldn't otherwise have access to it, and to stimulate the development of local arts agencies. "Somehow, it works," says Polich, who says that Artrain visits have inspired the creation of more than eighty arts groups around the country. "I don't have any word for it except 'magic.' " The successes include collaboration with such communities as Cotter, Arkansas (population under 700), and Shakopee, Minnesota—not exactly national art centers.

Eighty percent of Artrain's $1.5 million budget is funded by gifts from corporations (most notably, Chrysler), foundations, and individuals. The rest comes from the local community and gift shop sales. "We are also indebted to the railroads," Polich points out, "who donate their services and help work out the routes and the timing." She says the train has already been assured of ongoing support from Daimler-Chrysler.

"Artrain brings recognition to Ann Arbor when it's out on tour," Polich notes. But in this art-saturated city, the museum is open to Ann Arborites just one week per year. Eighteen hundred people toured the train in December to view the current Smithsonian exhibit on elements, styles, and techniques of printmaking. Local schools visit during the week, with the train open to the general public on the weekend.

This July 20, the thirtieth anniversary of Apollo 11's moon landing, Artrain will launch Artistry of Space. *In 1962 NASA began commissioning artists to capture the excitement of space exploration on an emotional and spiritual level. While a few of the works have been displayed at the Smithsonian and Cape Canaveral, most have been in storage for years. Including works by such important such important American artists as Jamie Wyeth, Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg, and Norman Rockwell, the exhibit will run for three years, visiting Ann Arbor sometime in 2000.* ■

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Managing Partners Mo Frechette and Jude Walton report that Zingerman's Mail Order reached record sales this past season. Over 10,000 packages of full-flavored foods were sent all over America. One happy customer wrote: "Thank you for your heroic efforts. You are an inspiration." The big hits of the season were the **Sourcream Coffeecake, the Lavender Lullaby honey gift set, and the Better-than-Grandma's pastry box.**

French Cheese Found on Direct Flight to Detroit

Sources at Detroit Metro Airport report that Zingerman's brings shipments of artisan cheeses directly from France. Although New York freight agents are angered by this, Zingerman's Cheese Manager, Matt Morgan, happily confirmed the story. "It's actually easier and less expensive to go through a distributor. But for us, it's all about getting the cheeses in at the same level of quality as is being sold in the best shops in Paris."

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Dark Chocolate Debuts in *The New York Times*

Dark chocolate lovers nationwide were thrilled to find their addiction spread liberally all over the food section of the national *New York Times* last month. Writing in *The Atlantic Monthly,* chocolate aficionado Corby Kummer wrote that "...chocolate is ready for a public revolt against the characterless goods that fill supermarket and even gourmet-shop shelves." And now, much to the delight of local chocolate lovers, it seems that the revolution has arrived in Ann Arbor. While it appears that the revolution will not be televised, it is accessible to all down at the corner of Detroit Street and Kingsley, where Zingerman's Delicatessen is offering a devilishly wide range of dark chocolates, most of which were featured in the recent *Times* piece, including:

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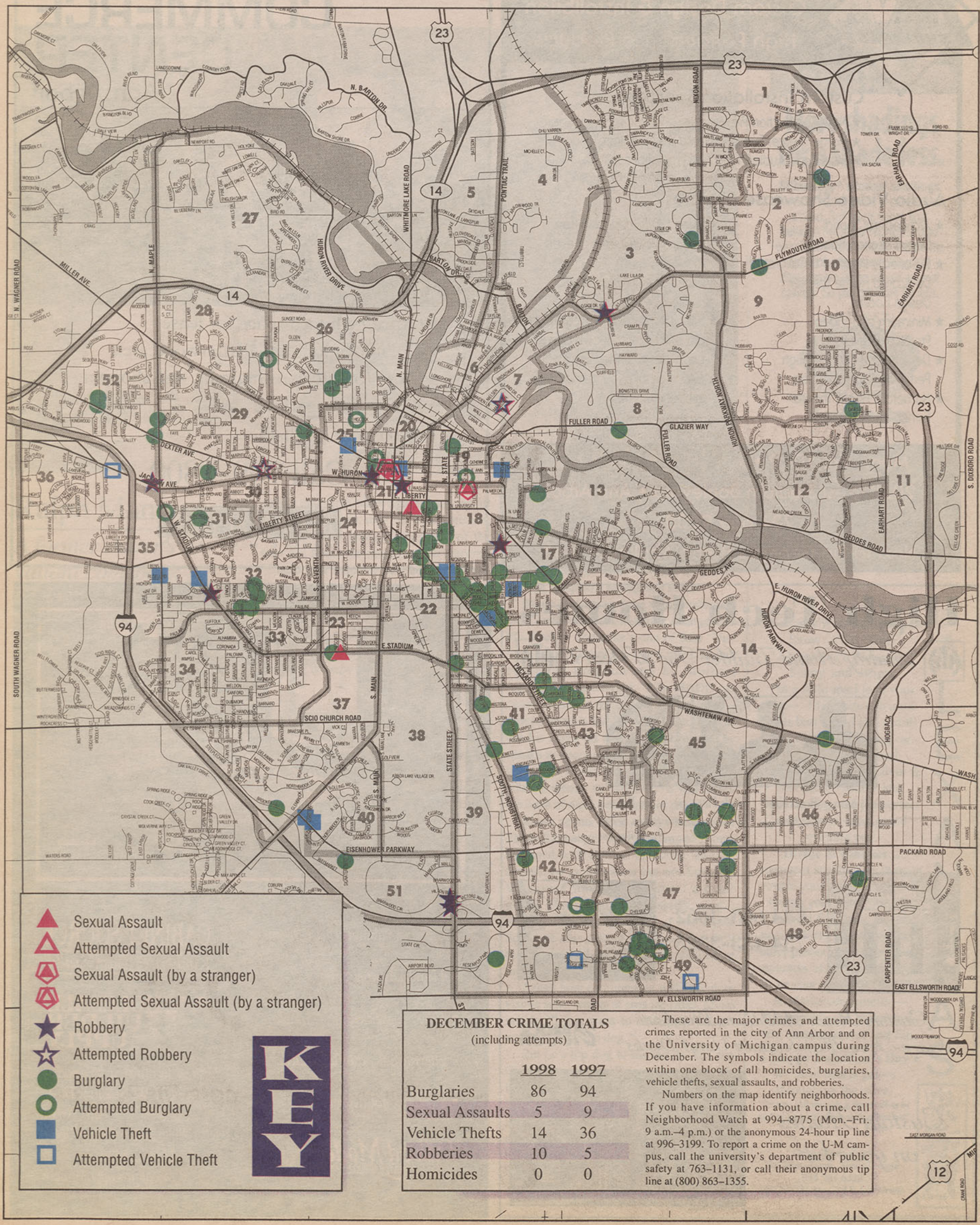

DECEMBER CRIME TOTALS
(including attempts)

	1998	1997
Burglaries	86	94
Sexual Assaults	5	9
Vehicle Thefts	14	36
Robberies	10	5
Homicides	0	0

These are the major crimes and attempted crimes reported in the city of Ann Arbor and on the University of Michigan campus during December. The symbols indicate the location within one block of all homicides, burglaries, vehicle thefts, sexual assaults, and robberies.

Numbers on the map identify neighborhoods. If you have information about a crime, call Neighborhood Watch at 994–8775 (Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.) or the anonymous 24-hour tip line at 996–3199. To report a crime on the U-M campus, call the university's department of public safety at 763–1131, or call their anonymous tip line at (800) 863–1355.

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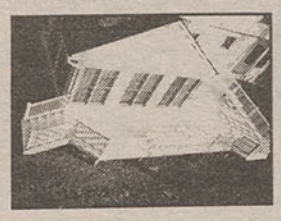

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PETER YATES

Ralph Mann

A former skater's valiant comeback

Ralph Mann bought the Skate Exchange just over a year ago. The store for skaters on South Industrial is both his livelihood and a second chance.

Mann devoted his life to skating, first as a competitor, then as a business and family man, until he was severely injured in an auto wreck five years ago. Now the sport is giving something back. Buying the Skate Exchange in late 1997 restored his independence. "I couldn't be disabled at forty," he says.

Instead, the slight, jean-clad ex-skater is continuing a fifty-three-year tradition of providing in-the-know Ann Arborites a place to buy and sell skates in all price ranges. He bought the business from Joyce Cook, who ran it for twenty-five years.

Started in a local basement, the store came to South Industrial from an interim location in Broadway Gifts. Mann's grown the business, branching into in-line skates and buying a $10,000 skate sharpening machine, which he likes to show off. He's now looking for larger quarters.

Mann remains in constant pain and must stand most of the time. But while he'll never be able to skate again, his knowledge and love of the sport show in the way he runs the Exchange.

"Do you think these will be okay?" asks one guy, a thirty-something proudly cradling new hockey skates. Mann says yes, but offers "to work something out" if they aren't.

A mom and little girl are putting the child's outgrown white figure skates up for sale. (Skates are sold on consignment, with the seller getting 70 percent of the take and Mann the remaining 30 percent.) "Could you help me set the price?" the woman inquires.

Mann suggests $100 and then tells the daughter, "You took good care of these!" She beams. Mother and daughter buy new skates and leave, the little girl proudly dangling her new skates over her arm.

It's remarkable that Mann's around at all. On Super Bowl Sunday in 1993, a drunk driver plowed into the back of his car on Michigan Avenue, near US-23. "He never saw me," Mann says. The impact shattered Mann's back in two places, and caused his wife and one daughter neck injuries. Their four other kids weren't harmed.

Neither was the drunk driver. He received a six-month restriction on his license.

"It changed my life drastically," says Mann.

A self-described "rink rat" since he was five, Mann grew up in Detroit, where he became an accomplished speed and figure skater. Skating was both his life and his livelihood. He competed at both local and state levels, and for eighteen years he worked for the Midwest Skate Company of Farmington Hills, which builds rinks and sells skating equipment.

Midwest Skate wanted him back after the accident, but Mann found he could no longer handle the physical demands. His wife, Anne, says that when he had to give up his job, "We came to the realization that life wasn't going to go back to normal. We had to figure out how to support ourselves." Anne, herself a former precision skater with the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club Hockettes, returned to school. She is now finishing up the registered nurse program at Washtenaw Community College, while working as a clerk at U-M Hospital's emergency room.

Mann had never done much volunteer work before the drunk driver changed his life forever. Today he's one of four "Victim's Impact Panel" speakers in an alcohol education program run by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "I do MADD because it helps me to vent," he says—though he adds that he's careful not to take out his anger on the 100 or so people he speaks to every month through an Ypsilanti District Court program. "If I can help educate them," he explains, "it will lessen the odds of them being hurt or dead."

Mann seems to be everywhere at the Skate Exchange, whose cramped rooms are lined with shelves of skates. To customers, he is solicitous but not fawning. When one shopper asks about a blade guard, Mann yanks out a spiffy, plastic version and offers a choice of two logos. Someone else asks if his skates are dull; they are, and Mann steps to his sharpening machine to grind a new edge.

Asked how he competes with the more visible sales outlets at area ice rinks, Mann insists, "I just want to be happy. I don't want to be the top dog."

But he's top dog to his family. His son Chris, fifteen and a Pioneer freshman, has heard his dad speak to drunk drivers. "I think it's really great the way he speaks—it helps other people," Chris says. A hockey player, Chris will not touch alcohol himself, though a friend has offered it to him. "I told him no," he recalls. "I'm not going to hurt myself or others."

—Jon Hall

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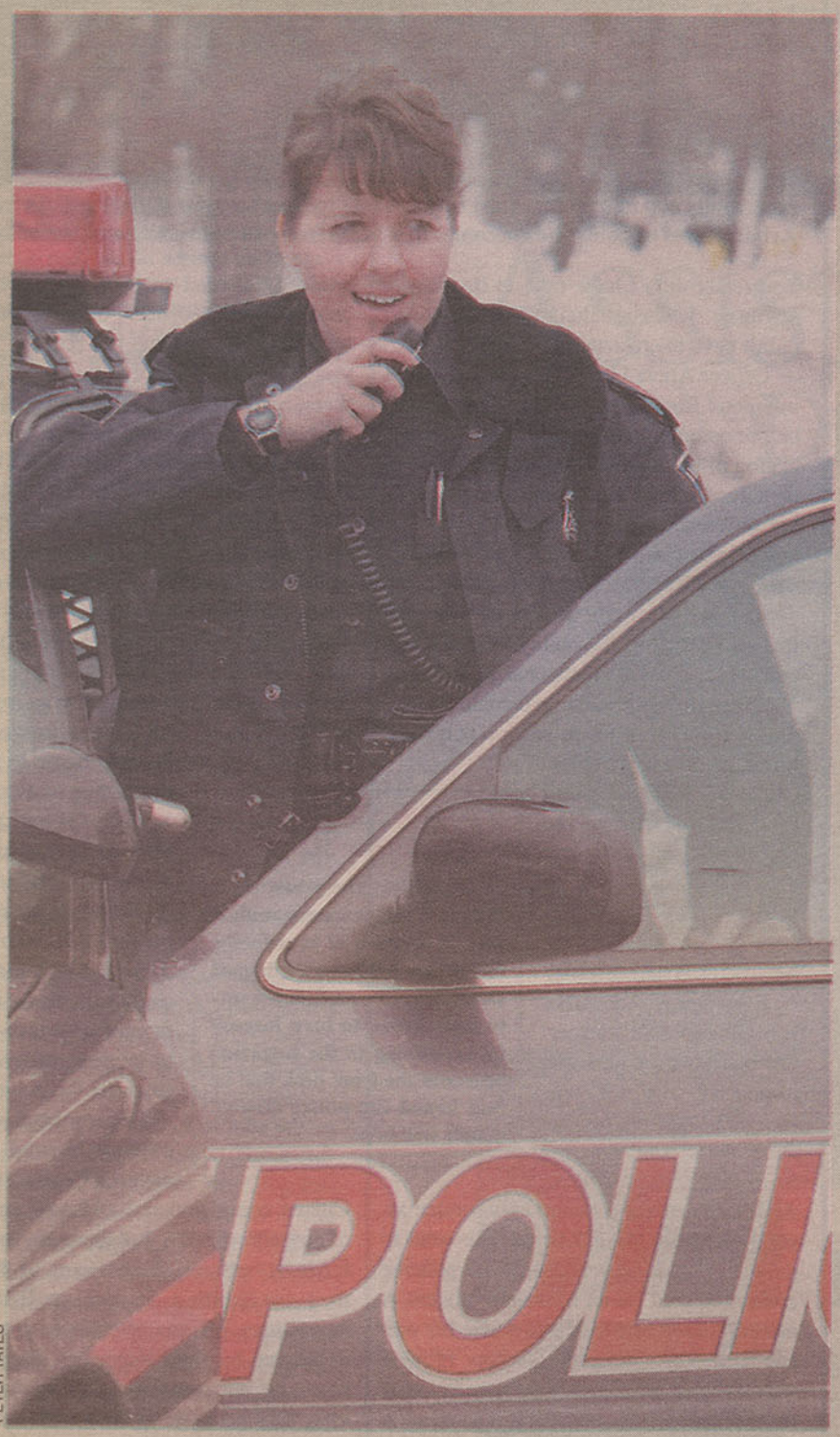

PETER YATES

Thanks to federal funding and heavy retirements, more than half of Ann Arbor's police officers have been hired in the past few years. The new officers will shape the department for decades to come.

BY DON HUNT

If you see a cop on the streets of Ann Arbor these days, chances are better than even that he (or increasingly she) has been hired in the past half dozen years. Ninety of the department's 178 sworn officers have been hired since 1992, and twenty more new officers will join this year. Everyone hired by the AAPD except for the chief and four deputy chiefs must start at the bottom; it's written into the union contract. So every new officer starts out patrolling the streets, immediately becoming a prominent player on the Ann Arbor stage.

What will be the effect of all these new officers? Some changes, like the looser, less distant demeanor I've seen in many of the new officers, are subtle and perhaps open to debate. Some, like the large influx of female officers, are obvious and undeniable. To get a better perspective, I talked with new and veteran Ann Arbor officers.

The AAPD compared

It's difficult to compare the characters of police departments except subjectively. I've had a chance in recent years to see the cops function in the small foundry/college city of Albion. The contrast with Ann Arbor cops is dramatic. In Albion I've seen disturbing acts of rudeness by officers and, more generally, an aloof, authoritarian manner. In comparison with Albion's, Ann Arbor's police are relaxed and friendly.

This contrast, I've come to learn, has arisen not just from hiring practices but also from differences in working pressures and department management. Ann Arbor's courteous, professional style begins at the top. Police Chief Carl Ent talks to his force not of "policing" the city but of the AAPD "way of doing business," and he encourages them to think of residents as "customers." The chief wants every contact that Ann Arborites have with the police, no matter how mundane, to reinforce the feeling that his officers care about their welfare and are willing to take the time to help out when there is a difficulty.

I was immediately struck by the manner of the Ann Arbor's younger officers when I attended one of the daily briefings for cops before they go out on patrol. There's a loose, cheerful, self-confident air to these new members of the force. They don't act like self-conscious recruits whose chief concern is to avoid mistakes. When this impression was conveyed to Chief Ent, he laughed and contrasted it with his own experience as a police recruit: "When I came into police work, I was told, 'Get in the car. Keep your mouth shut. I'll tell you what to do and when to do it. You watch me and learn.' But some of the best ideas can come from the new officers whose box isn't already set for them. We really instill that in our officers from day one: we want you to think outside the box. If you have ideas on how we can do things better, we want to know what those ideas are."

Chatting with a dozen or so Ann Arbor police officers, I found that all shared a sense of belonging to an elite force. They know Ann Arbor attracts enough applicants to be quite discriminating about who is hired. Those who have prior experience in other departments seem to appreciate the AAPD the most. Police officers don't like making invidious comparisons between their department and others, but it is hard to miss the general feeling among Ann Arbor cops that the department and the town itself offer them an unusually well-managed, supportive, and stimulating climate in which to do their job.

They especially appreciate having the time to investigate problems thoroughly and to take the initiative in solving them. Those are hallmarks of community policing. After five years in the army, Sam James, thirty-nine, joined the police in his hometown of Inkster, a mostly black suburb west of Detroit. "Inkster," he recalls, "was pretty much a reactionary police department, where Ann Arbor is more proactive. We come up with things to prevent problems, whereas in Inkster crime happened and we responded to it. In Inkster there were many days when we did nothing but go from incident to incident.

Officer Amy Ellinger (left) was recruited by other departments, but chose the AAPD because "Ann Arbor had such a sense of teamwork."

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PETER YATES

As a young cop in training, Carl Ent was told to "keep your mouth shut." As Ann Arbor's chief of police, he welcomes new ideas from recruits like Jennifer Cullip.

You really didn't have time to investigate anything. It wasn't their fault. They just didn't have the resources."

Officer Alicia Green, who was with the infamous Los Angeles Police Department before coming here, echoes James's appreciation of the time she has in Ann Arbor to do a good job. "I don't think there's such a big difference with the officers in L.A. as individuals compared with Ann Arbor's," she says. "But [the LAPD is] terribly undermanned for a city of almost four million. Here, there's the ability to make suggestions and try to create change and have a personal touch, be able to recontact a victim of a crime, or try to solve a neighborhood problem. Just because of the [L.A.] call load and the size of the department and city, it was almost impossible to do that."

Support from within

Even though Ann Arbor is not an especially dangerous place for a cop, I was impressed with the comments I heard from officers about the support they get from each other. Officer Amy Ellinger was a community service assistant with the AAPD before she went to the police academy, a sixteen-week policing course required for all Michigan officers. A native of Sault Sainte Marie, where her parents were both elementary teachers, Ellinger was wooed while at the academy by other departments in Michigan. "But looking at their departments and looking at Ann Arbor," she says, "Ann Arbor had such a sense of teamwork by everybody, with an underlying concern about officer safety. In Ann Arbor you can be on a traffic stop and [other officers] will come by to see if you're okay—and that's a very good feeling."

EMU grad Mike Cemazar came to the AAPD from the police of Auburn Hills, the fast-growing Oakland County suburb just east of troubled Pontiac. He says that safety is also reinforced by the number of patrol cars on duty at any one time. "The amount of officers working the street here is phenomenal," he points out. "When I worked midnights in Auburn Hills, I worked the road with three or four officers, all single [officer] units. In Ann Arbor during prime time [11 p.m. to 3 a.m.] you can see as many as twenty cars out there, a lot of those with double officers in the vehicles."

"When I worked Inkster," Officer James recalls, "there were only four officers assigned to the midnight shift. Four one-person cars doing the patrol function. You were basically outnumbered in almost every situation you went to." Being understaffed, he adds, "meant you had to be a little more aggressive [in dealing with citizens], because you knew it was just very risky." Those risks were powerfully brought home to James, the father of two sons, when a fellow officer, also with two kids, was shot and killed in 1994 by a drug dealer riding a bicycle. He works in Ann Arbor today because the Inkster department didn't take action to increase officer security after this tragedy.

Departmental support extends beyond safety, says Officer Cemazar. Citizen complaints, he told me, are a part of any officer's life, but there are stark differences between departments in the way they are handled. In Auburn Hills, Cemazar says, officers often were put on the defensive by their superiors when there was a citizen complaint. In Ann Arbor, he says, "If I act in good faith, with the intention of doing something right as best I can, I will be supported."

The importance of variety

I was surprised by how many Ann Arbor officers mentioned the interesting diversity of Ann Arbor as well as the variety of jobs within the department. Cops, I've come to conclude, must be relatively restless creatures. They crave variety. Detroit native Bob Pfannes gave up his sergeant's stripes in Garden City to join the ranks of new Ann Arbor officers. "What was tough about Garden City," he explains, "was its sameness. It's a six-square-mile, 35,000-person, lower-middle-class white city. That

HOW NICE ARE ANN ARBOR COPS?

Consider the case of a Wayne State graduate student who is accused of murdering one of his professors this past December. He came all the way to Ann Arbor to turn himself in, explaining to the surprised officer at the front desk that he had heard the police treated people well here.

ENT'S IMPACT

The opportunity to hire so many new officers has allowed Chief Carl Ent to put his stamp on Ann Arbor's department in ways that will reverberate over the next couple of decades. In an era when community policing has become the national norm, Ent, even more than most chiefs, embraces its philosophy of intimate, cooperative citizen-cop relationships. Ann Arbor officers have long had the reputation of being uncommonly civil and professional, even when provoked, and it looks as if under Ent this operating style will, if anything, be strengthened.

While some might find Ent an excessively touchy-feely kind of chief, he quickly returns to fundamentals when asked what is special about the way the AAPD works. "The attention to detail," he replies firmly. "Our community, because it is a very well-educated community, expects that all the things we do are well documented and that we leave no stone unturned. We do reports on things that a lot of departments wouldn't even take the time to take the information on. For instance, a theft of a [car] battery—a lot of agencies wouldn't make a report on that kind of thing. But it's important for us to know what's going on. And the only way we can accurately portray what's going on is to take the time to document those things. Also, it may be the only time that person has to deal with the police department, so if we show that we don't care enough about their loss, whether it's a battery or whatever, fail to take their report and listen to their concerns, then we miss a chance to interact with the community. And their impression of the police is going to be a negative one if we don't take the time."

was it. Take any street in Garden City, the next street was the same. One of the things I love about Ann Arbor is it's diverse in the broadest sense of the word—not just ethnic, but economic, geographic, the topography, the architecture, even the day-to-day activity."

"Lateral mobility" was a term that kept coming up in my talks with officers. It's important because the police union insists on years of service in a rank before promotion. Many officers prize their chance to handle a challenging variety of jobs within the same rank. Chelsea native Jamie Adkins was pursued eagerly by the Drug Enforcement Agency at the same time she was considering Ann Arbor. She told me the AAPD's variety of jobs was a big factor in her choice, explaining, "There's not a lot of departments our size that offer as much lateral mobility." After serving her initial stint patrolling the streets of Ann Arbor, she now teaches the department's antidrug program, DARE. Other patrol-level jobs are traffic units, prisoner transport, foot patrols, housing units, school officer liaison, recruitment, and polygraph detail, to name a few. "If there weren't good chances of lateral movement, I would not have come here," says Pfannes. "It allows you to diversify your career—keeps your interest level high. You do something for a couple of years, it becomes old hat. You want a new challenge."

Behind the hiring surge

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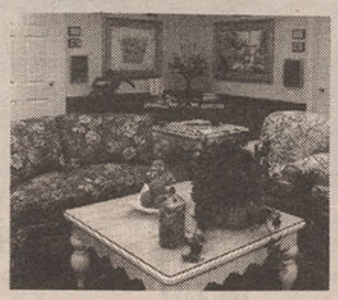

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ten every six months. Retirements and federal funding explain the turnaround.

In the early 1970s, partly in reaction to antiwar protests and civil unrest, Congress appropriated money to beef up police forces around the country. After just twenty-five years of service, Ann Arbor cops can retire and receive 68 percent of their salary, so the officers hired then are now retiring in droves. And again today, police hiring is being accelerated by federal money. The Clinton Administration has begun a program to fund new local police—ultimately 100,000 of them—and fifteen of these new cops are in the AAPD. For each additional officer, the federal government is paying $25,000 a year for the next three years toward an annual compensation (including benefits) of $40,000.

So law enforcement is now an applicant's market. Officer Dave Woodside, who spearheads AAPD hiring efforts, says his department is the state's most aggressive in seeking out good new officers. But even Ann Arbor is having to hire from a smaller pool. A few years ago the department received as many as 1,000 applications when it announced it was hiring. This past hiring cycle, only 200 applications came in.

The Ann Arbor department faces even stiffer hiring difficulties because it takes seriously the goal of creating a force that reflects the city's population. White males typically make up 70 percent of all applicants for police work. The number of promising black, female, Hispanic, and Asian applicants is relatively low. So the department is especially proud of its most

HIRING BY THE NUMBERS

1,000: The typical number of applications disseminated to prospective candidates over a six-month recruiting campaign. Some are mailed out; some are handed out at college job fairs.

200: The number of applications typically received (one out of five). These applications are then graded by education and prior experience, including job stability.

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The names and files of each candidate passing the background test then go to the four deputy chiefs, each of whom gives an independent yes or no reaction to each candidate. Their recommendations then go to Chief Ent, who makes the final decisions on who gets an offer of employment—and even then, those getting an offer must pass a psychological examination.

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A few of the faces of the AAPD's new generation of patrol officers: (l. to r.) Shane Dennis, Shannon Kenny-Saunders, Sean Stewart, Chad Swan, and Jason Zogaib.

recent class of ten, which began an eight-week orientation January 19. It consists of just two white men, along with two African American women, one African American man, one Asian American man, and four white women.

The AAPD is not only much more diverse than it was a quarter century ago, it's also better educated. Of the 178 sworn officers currently on the force, 25 have a high school education only, 23 an associate's degree (two years of college), 117 a bachelor's degree, 4 a law degree, and 9 a master's. These days, only candidates with prior police or military experience are hired without a college degree.

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While a quarter of a century ago only 10 to 20 percent of applicants admitted to using marijuana, 80–85 percent of today's applicants say they have tasted the forbidden substance. Only recent users are deemed unfit.

The focus on people skills

Captain Gary Kistka, who oversees hiring in the department, remembers that screening was very different back when he was hired in the early 1970s. Then the big concern was whether the applicant was tough enough to deal with difficult situations. Today, Kistka says, *"the* issue is how can you communicate with the community, how can you work to build partnerships. No one even thought of those issues twenty years ago."

Officer Woodside recruits potential AAPD officers at college job fairs across the state. "Today's cop can't be that individual who wants to sit in a patrol car and go out and write speeding tickets," he warns them. "They now have to be the individuals who work very well in team situations—officers who have the abilities to deal with people of low socioeconomic class at 9:05 and talk with a person with seven Ph.D.'s at 9:15. Because that's the makeup of Ann Arbor. You have to have the person who's compassionate enough to talk somebody out of it, and yet has the physical skills to respond to an altercation."

Previous police experience is not a major factor in being offered a job in Ann Arbor. Only about 50 percent of those hired have previously worked in law enforcement. But a career commitment matters a lot. "When I recruit," says Woodside, "I tell these kids, 'I'm not offering jobs. I'm offering you a career. If you're looking for a job for a couple of years, don't apply here.' " The AAPD's compensation program is designed to motivate those interested in staying on the force for the long haul. A beginning officer's annual salary is $32,000, higher than in all but a few departments in Michigan. In five years the salary jumps all the way to $47,000. That's a considerable financial incentive against jumping ship. Of eighty-five officers hired since 1992, sixty-six are still on the force. Of those hired in recent years, 65 percent are men and 35 percent women. The same sex ratio holds for those who have stayed on the force. Three decades ago the department was virtually all male, and the few women hired worked only with juveniles. Today the prominent presence of women is taken for granted. Although they aren't required to demonstrate the same physical strength as men, they're trained to deal with any situation, including physical altercations with larger men. But officers stress that the TV-generated notion of policing as filled with violence is way off. In over twenty-five years, Officer Woodside points out, he can remember only twice when an Ann Arbor officer had to shoot to kill, and only a half dozen times he himself had to pull his pistol from his holster. Today the lion's share of police work on the street involves active listening and talking, skills in which women have, if anything, an advantage.

Honesty and integrity

Though interpersonal skills are a hallmark of today's cop, Chief Ent takes pains to stress that one value has not changed over the years: the primary importance of an officer's honesty. It's the most critical area investigated by the interviewers who scrutinize applicants during the important oral examination, and by those who conduct the department's extensive background checks on applicants.

"Honesty and integrity—these are the crucial things," Ent emphasizes. "I mean, you can be a very pleasant person and get along with everybody, but if you are weak enough to fall to some of the pressures on the job, whether it be stealing or lying on a report—if you're the kind of person who will allow yourself to slip just a little bit, we can't have you in police work, and especially not here in Ann Arbor." ■

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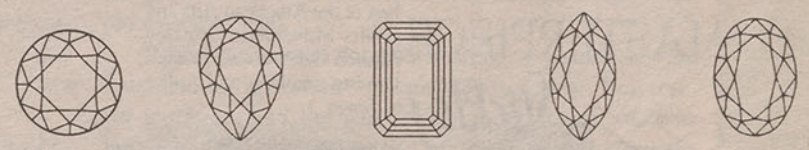

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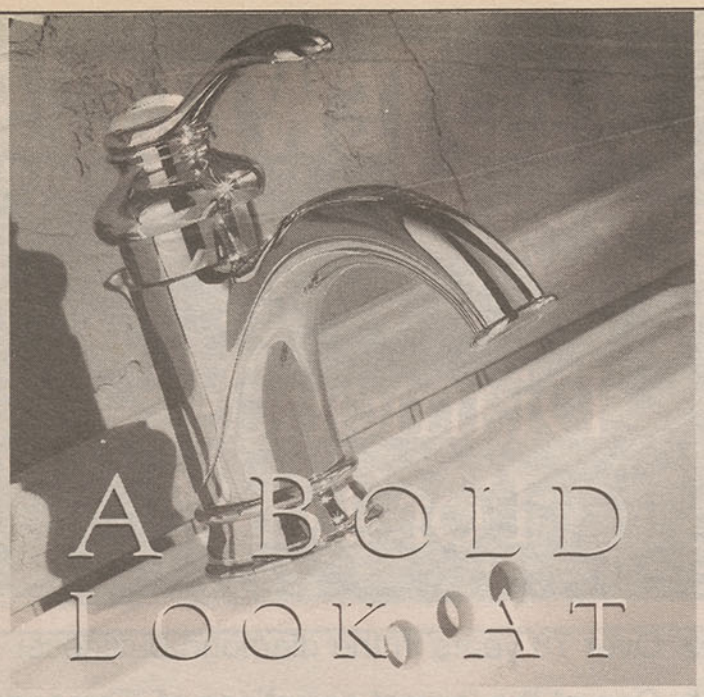

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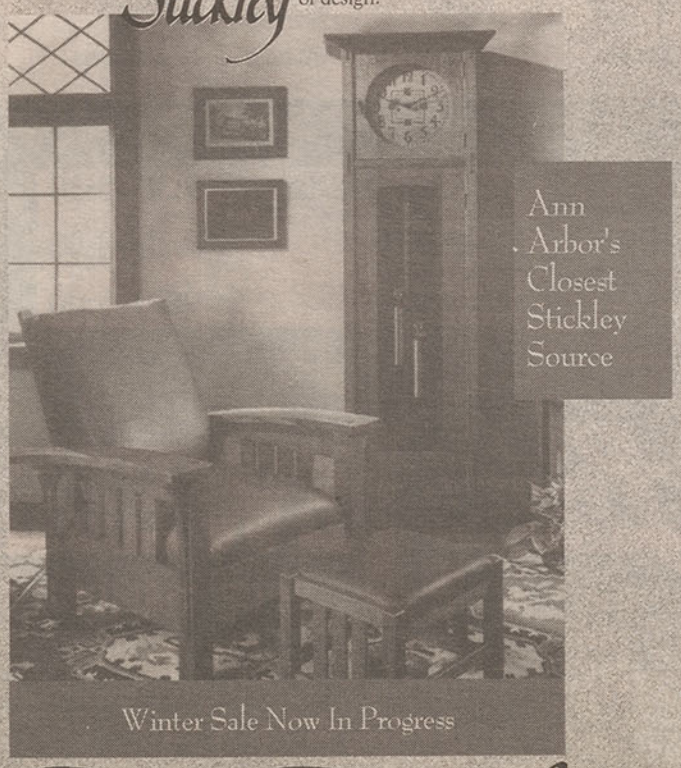

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When Coal was King

For generations, coal heated Ann Arbor's homes and fueled its factories. But delivering it was tough, dirty work—and the pollution was horrendous.

BY GRACE SHACKMAN

The heavy snow that ushered in 1999 brought traffic almost to a standstill. For a few days, Ann Arbor's older neighborhoods, blanketed in white, looked not much different from the way they would have appeared after a winter storm at the close of the nineteenth century.

Compare that pristine scene with old photos of Ann Arbor in the winter, though, and you'll notice something missing from today's picture: black smoke. Today, most home chimneys give off the almost invisible by-products of natural gas furnaces. A century ago, they belched columns of sooty coal smoke. Coal-fired boilers in offices and stores, factories and laundries, added to the pall that hung over the city.

From the late-nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth, coal was Ann Arbor's chief source of energy. Coal heat helped make winter tolerable (Ralph Waldo Emerson praised its capacity "to make Canada as warm as Calcutta"), and coal-fueled steam engines powered almost every local mill and factory—as well as the locomotives that brought virtually all people and goods to the town.

But the age of "King Coal" was also incredibly dirty. When traveling, Carl Malcolm remembers, "if you left the train windows open, or if you were standing on the platform, you'd be covered with tiny cinders." At home, says Sam Schlecht, "every week you'd get a quarter of an inch of [coal] dust from the furnace." So prevalent was the soot, Malcolm recalls, that "in the winter you'd notice the dirt on the snow."

Ann Arbor was far from the harshest and most dangerous part of the coal economy, the underground mines of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Even so, scores of residents spent their lives working intimately with coal, unloading it from rail cars at local coal yards, storing it, and delivering it to homes as needed. It was difficult, dirty work.

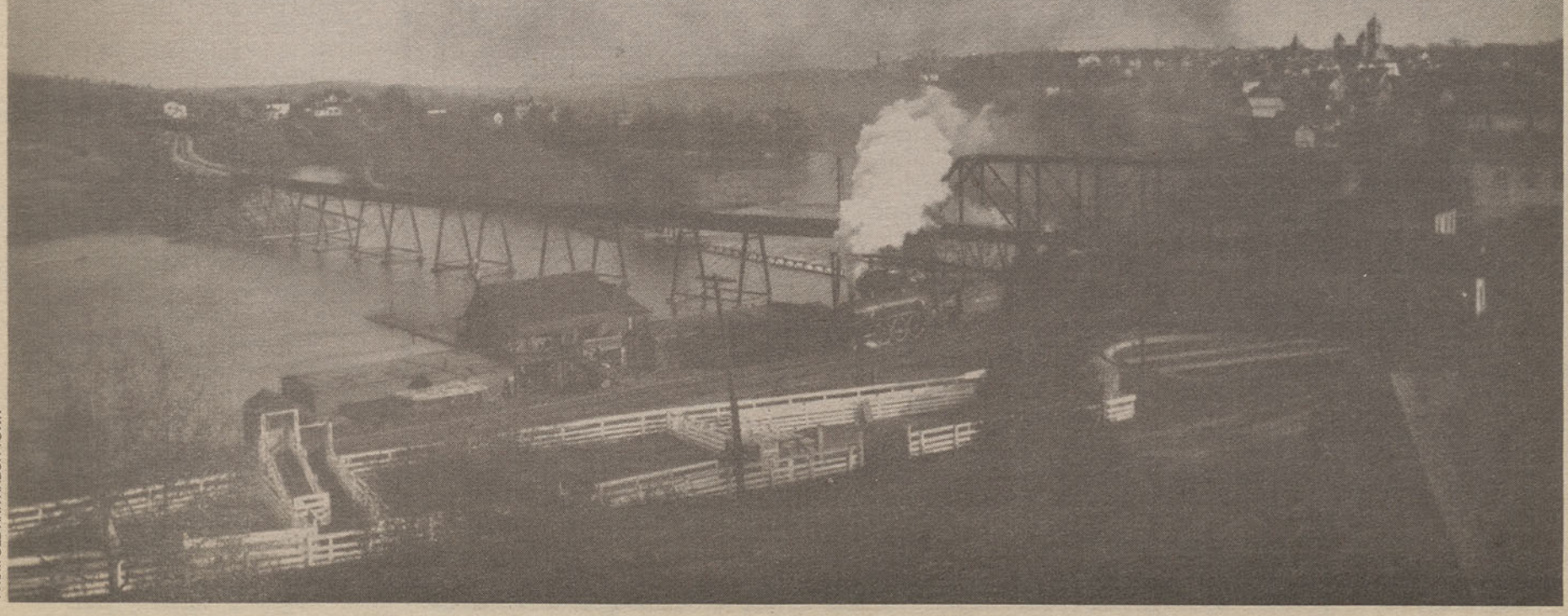
In the 1940s and 1950s, Raleigh Alexander was co-owner of Blue Ribbon Coal, a yard by the Ann Arbor Railroad tracks on South State, near today's Produce Station. Alexander's son John remembers, "Dad would use twine to tie his pants and cuffs so not so much coal would get on his skin. He looked like a clown with his pants blowing out, neckerchief around his neck." Nonetheless, Alexander says, "The dust would crawl up his pant legs—he'd soak his feet up to his knees every night."

Ron Patterson, whose father, Jim, delivered coal for Blue Ribbon, remembers helping unload coal and then coming home to bathe. "It'd all come out in the tub," he recalls. The memory of that grimy water is so vivid, he says, that "I can't take a bath today—I have to take a shower."

Mary Visel, wife of Carl Visel, co-owner of Cornwell Coal, remembers that her husband, when he got home, even sneezed black. "It was a hard life," she says, shaking her head. "I advised my girls to marry guys who worked in offices."

"As early as 1300, the scarcity of firewood drove Londoners to heat their homes with coal, despite the 'intolerable smell' of the smoke," Priscilla Long writes in *Where the Sun Never Shines: A History of America's Bloody Coal Industry.* But coal took hold late in the United States, where the forests—and the supply of firewood—were long thought to be inexhaustible. As late as 1860, the city directory listed only one place to buy coal, Widenmann Hardware, and one place to buy furnaces, Schumacher Hardware. But by the 1880s, central heating was gaining in popularity, and the directory listed seven hardware stores selling furnaces and seven places selling coal.

At first businesses got into heating as a sideline—the Staeblers through their agricultural implement business, for instance, and the Rohdes as an extension of their building supply inventory. But by the turn of the century, consumption was high enough that companies devoted exclusively to selling coal began to emerge. For the next fifty years, there would be as many as fourteen coal yards



Smoke and steam cloud the skyline over North Main in the 1890s.

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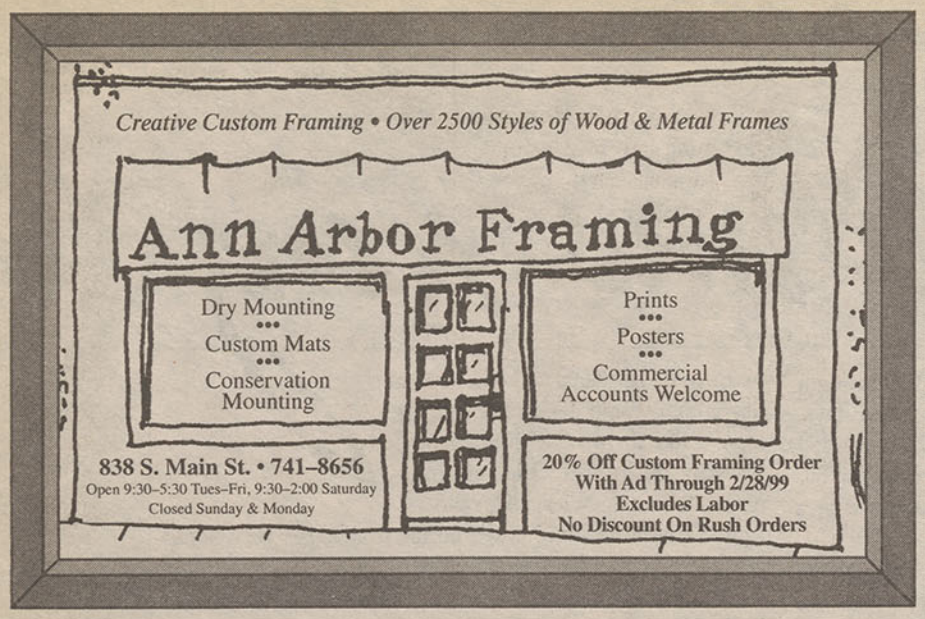

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operating in Ann Arbor at one time, all based along the railroad tracks. Except for a single Depression-era co-op, all were owned privately by a family or one or two people.

Central heating greatly simplified the problem of keeping warm in the winter—there was only one furnace to feed instead of individual parlor stoves or fireplaces in each room—but tending a coal furnace was still a chore. For many years, coal had to be shoveled into the furnace by hand. The job became easier after the introduction of electrically powered stokers, but clinkers (unburned bits of rock) and ashes still had to be removed regularly. At night the fire had to be banked so that it would burn very slowly overnight but still could be restarted in the morning.

Robert Hayden paid tribute to his father's tending of the family's coal furnace in the poem "Those Winter Sundays":

> Sundays too my father got up early
> and put his clothes on in the
> blueblack cold,
> then with cracked hands that ached
> from labor in the weekday
> weather made
> banked fires blaze. No one ever
> thanked him.

Ford Ferguson, retired freight yard manager of the Ann Arbor Railroad, was familiar with the local coal operation from the early 1940s until its final days in the late 1960s. "Almost all the coal came in on the Ann Arbor Railroad, although some came in on the New York Central," he recalls. "All [the yards] got lots of coal, sometimes five or six carloads at a time." According to Ferguson, the yards were all about the same size and charged similar prices. "The only difference was who bought coal from them."

All the yards had similar layouts: a small office to take orders and schedule deliveries; a rail spur used to park the coal cars; an area along the track, rented from the railroad, that was used to pile up the different types of coal (a few people splurged on "hard coal," clean-burning anthracite, but most chose less-expensive "soft" or bituminous coal); and a truck scale to weigh outgoing loads. Small bins were placed alongside the scale, so that coal could be added or subtracted to reach the exact weight ordered. "Poorer people used to bring bushel baskets and get coal out of the coal bins," remembers Bob Beuhler, whose father, Herman, owned Ann Arbor Fuel on Madison. "They'd record it in a ledger and, when they got money, come back and pay."

Many small companies came and went, but there were ten major ones that people still alive remember. Two were side by side on Depot Street along the Michigan Central tracks:

Staebler's, 115 Depot. Staebler's decaying coal trestle can still be seen alongside the building that is today the headquarters of First Martin Corporation. The cinder-block office was built by Ken Heininger in 1941, when Neil Staebler went to Washington to work for the federal Office of Price Administration and

Heininger was hired to take over day-to-day management of the various Staebler enterprises.

McCudden, 229 Depot. Owner Frank McCudden also had a good reputation for fixing furnaces. Much renovated, the building is now Fry & Partners Architects.

All the other yards were along the Ann Arbor Railroad. In order, running south from the river, they were:

Blaess, 124 West Summit. Oscar Blaess took over the Hiscock coal operation and then passed the merged company on to his sons, Earl and Harold. According to Earl's widow, Eloise, "Harold did the bookkeeping. Earl figured the weights. They did it all themselves. They loved that kind of work." Huron Valley Roofing now occupies a new building on the site.

Cornwell, 410 Miller. This yard was started by Frank Cornwell, who sold it to two employees, Carl Visel and Leona Schlafer, in the 1940s. Schlafer ran the office while Visel took care of the yard. After 1961, when the shrinking business could no longer support them both, Schlafer left and Carl's wife, Mary, took over in the office. The building is currently vacant.

Artificial Ice, 416 West Huron. Owner Gene Heinzman sold coal in the winter, when demand for ice fell off. Today the building houses Fireside Foods.

Ann Arbor Fuel, 214 East Madison. The Staeblers helped their relative, Herman Beuhler, set up this business, although it competed with theirs. In 1938 Beuhler sold to Lewis & Frisinger. The yard is now part of Fingerle Lumber.

City Fuel, 108 East Madison. Owned by Edwin L. Feldkamp, this yard also became part of Fingerle's.

Ann Arbor Co-op, 635 South Main. The co-op started in the Depression as a coal buying club, taking orders over the phone, picking the coal up at the Staebler coal yard, and distributing it to members. It eventually grew to include its own grocery store, in the building at Main and Mosley where the Neutral Zone teen club is now, and a gas station on Catherine Street (now Argiero's restaurant). The co-op's office was in the Main Street building, while its coal yard was to the north, where Don's Auto Wash is today.

Crane, 207 Hill. Run by John Crane, this was one of the smallest but also earliest coal businesses. It later merged with Blue Ribbon. Its site, too, was eventually absorbed into the Fingerle complex.

Blue Ribbon, 1709 South State. Raleigh Alexander and Clarence Sevey bought the business from their boss, Ralph Osgood. Originally located at 513 South Ashley, the yard moved to State Street in 1944.

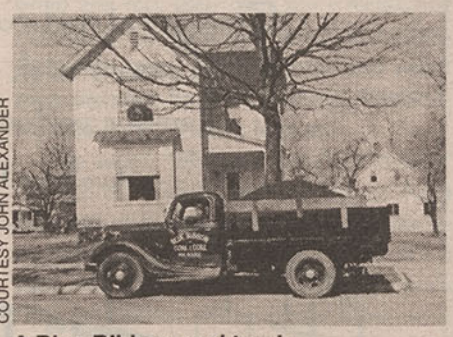
The U-M was too big to bother ordering coal through a local yard. It had its own spur off the Michigan Central on Fuller, and its own switch engine to shuttle cars up the hill, via a track east of Glen, to the power plant on Huron. The coal was piled on what is now the surface parking lot behind the Power Center.

Another big consumer was the artificial gasworks on Broadway between the Michigan Central tracks and the Huron River. The plant heated bituminous coal in a vacuum, drawing off flammable gas that was piped to customers to fuel gaslights and cooking stoves. A by-product, coke, was a nearly pure form of carbon that could also be used as a fuel. Because it was harder to light than coal and burned faster, coke was used mostly in industry. Today the gas plant's site is a Michigan Consolidated Gas service center.

Some other local businesses used enough coal to buy wholesale but didn't maintain their own inventory, instead making arrangements for local yards to accept delivery and bring it to them. Cornwell had such agreements with Nielsen's greenhouse, the Argus and King-Seeley factories west of downtown, and the Kyer laundry on South Main.

Ferguson recalls that the Ann Arbor Railroad carried "mostly soft coal. Few used hard coal; it was much more expensive." The coal cars were dropped off at the turntable near Ferry Field; Ferguson's crew, usually three men, would deliver it to the coal yards with a switch engine. Bob Beuhler's family got to know the crews so well that he was sometimes invited to ride with them as they made their deliveries—a real treat for a boy.

Operators invented various methods of unloading the coal. Beuhler dropped it from the car into a pit and had a pulley arrangement to hoist it up. Several places, like Staebler's, had elevated trestles so that the coal could be dropped directly into trucks. But delivery was the real key to a successful business. "We had more customers than coal, more delivery requests than personnel," recalls Heininger. The yard owners all had their own trucks and delivered as much as they could themselves, but they also hired other drivers, especially in the busy winter season: Blue Ribbon recruited farmers who had spare time in the winter.



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A Blue Ribbon coal truck.

Delivering coal was best done by two people, one to stay on the truck and keep the coal moving into the chute and a second to level it off in the basement. "I liked riding around with Dad, jumping up and down from the truck," Ron Patterson recalls. "The better houses had special coal bins, but others just had a fenced-off area of the basement to store the coal. If there was stuff already there, a puff of soot would come out. We'd wait and then go down."

"I'd go in [to the coal bin] and level the coal off, breathing dust," recalls Carl Thayer, who as a teen helped deliver coal for the Ann Arbor Co-op. "The coal would be up as close to the ceiling as you could get. If we could get it high enough, it would last all winter."

Most coal operators offered lower rates in the summer, but human nature or lack of cash—many of these memories are from the Depression—kept most people from ordering until the cold was upon them. Coal yard operators found other work to supplement their incomes in the summer, using the same equipment, if they could. Visel did hauling and grading and eventually moved into building swimming pools, Alexander and Sevey did yard work, Patterson hauled trash, Frisinger built roads, and Beuhler sold ice harvested from Whitmore Lake until Heinzman's manufactured ice put him out of business.

During World War II good coal was hard to get, since the best was saved for the war effort and trains were filled with military freight. The Visels remember getting an inferior coal from Illinois, delivered in "monster trucks."

On the plus side, no one was able to switch to oil or gas during the war. By then, though, the coal yard operators were all working against the clock. Says Heininger, "We all knew that after the war, coal would disappear."

"As soon as they built the [natural] gas pipeline in the 1940s, school was out," explains Beuhler. Clean, simple, and cheap, natural gas quickly supplanted coal and oil as the preferred fuel for home heating. After the war Staebler's bought the customer lists of Artificial Ice and Ann Arbor Fuel, but even so, their volume fell 40 percent. They closed in 1947 and switched to building houses.

By the mid-1960s there were only three coal yards left—Blaess, Blue Ribbon, and Cornwell. "They went down together like a house of cards," recalls Alexander. The very last to give up the business was Cornwell. "Coal was the most expensive and dirtiest way to heat," says Jerry Visel, who with his twin brother, David, had been working with his dad since the early 1960s to develop a swimming pool business. (Their first pool was at their parents' house at Second and Mosley.) When the Visel sons took over the bookkeeping, they discovered that the pool business was paying taxes for the coal operation and convinced their parents to get out of it. They sold the building to Calvert's landscaping and hauling company and moved out Pontiac Trail, where they're still in business today as Cornwell Pool & Patio.

Of the original yard buildings, only Cornwell's and Staebler's are as they were. A few artifacts can be found around town, such as the Staebler sign in Casey's Tavern. John Alexander, a farmer, still uses his father's old truck scale to weigh corn. Coal chute doors are still visible on many houses. For the most part, though, only memories remain.

On a recent visit to Sault Sainte Marie, Ron Patterson toured a dry dock where a coal-burning ship was being repaired. When he reached the boiler room, he reports, "It threw me back. The smell triggered my memory—the soot smell.

"It was good, but it choked." ■

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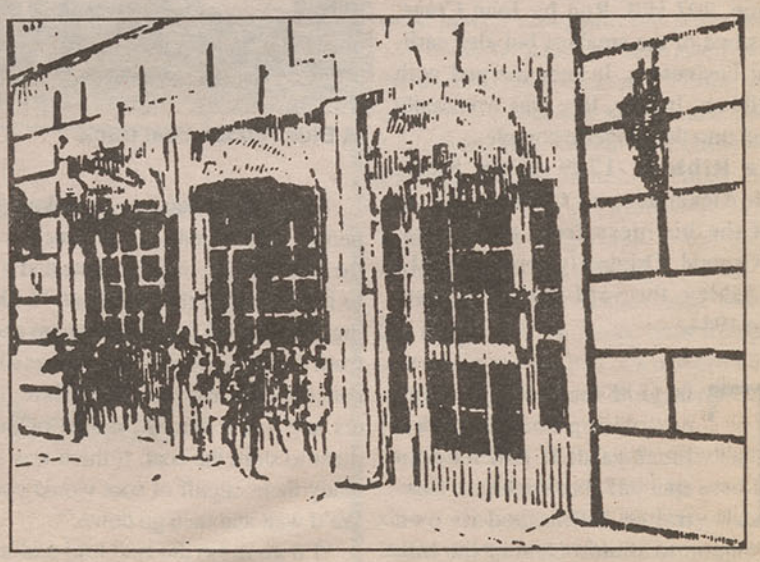

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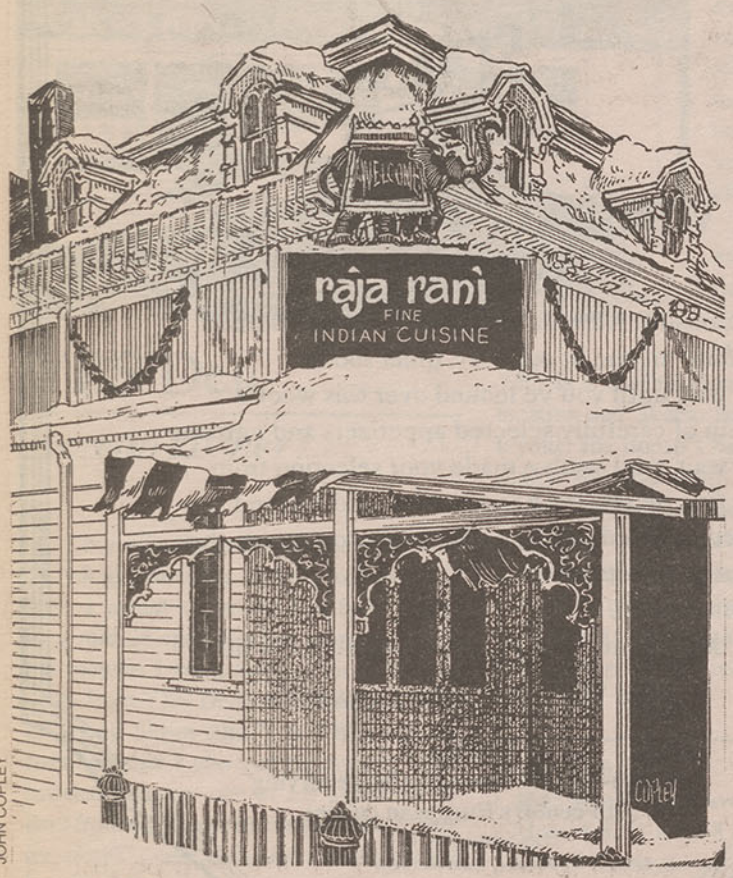

JOHN COPLEY

Raja Rani

Timeless

Raja Rani opened in spring 1976, a few months before the Observer published its first issue. The infant magazine reviewed the fledgling restaurant for the first time that November. Sarah O'Connor acknowledged that Raja Rani's original location, a small cement-block building on Huron, had "accommodated a succession of enterprises in recent years, from a bicycle shop to a barbecue restaurant," but she recognized Michigan's first Indian restaurant as a survivor. "Judging from the lines outside on weekends," she predicted, "it may be around for a long time."

Sure enough, Raja Rani "graduated" in 1982 to a big old wedding cake of a house on William at Division. Over the years, owner Loveleen Bajwa persuaded the county health department to approve the area's first *tandoor,* or authentic Indian clay oven; expanded the dining room; added a comfortable, shaded patio; and acquired a liquor license. Still, Raja Rani's evolution has been so gradual as to sometimes seem almost imperceptible. Returning in January for my first systematic look since reviewing it for another publication seven years ago, I found that Raja Rani's menu had scarcely changed.

Bajwa plainly sees no need to cater to the restaurant-of-the-moment crowd—and given Raja Rani's pedigree, who's to disagree? The restaurant's name is made up of the Hindi words for *prince* and *princess*—and it's not an exaggeration. Raja Rani's northern Indian specialties derive from dishes created for the Mughal emperors who ruled India from the sixteenth to the early nineteenth centuries.

The Mughal conquerors were accustomed to the lively cuisine of the eastern Mediterranean, and they found Hindu cooking, with its many dietary restrictions, hopelessly spartan. Trying to please the finicky rulers, court cooks began enriching traditional Indian recipes with cream, *ghee* (clarified butter), yogurt, spices, raisins, and nuts. The resulting dishes—the lamb stew called *rogan josh*, layered meat and rice casseroles called *biryani*, and tandoor-grilled chicken, to name a few—are still the core of classic north Indian cuisine.

The English word "curry" originated not with the Mughals but with their successors, the British. It's probably a corruption of *kari,* the name of a leaf used in some southern Indian dishes. Supermarket "curry powder" is a preroasted and dried combination of turmeric, cumin, coriander, red pepper, fenugreek, mustard seed, cinnamon, and cloves. Most Indian cooks wouldn't touch the stuff, preferring to grind and mix their own spice blends for maximum freshness and flavor. In a country where many are vegetarian and many more are poor, the manipulation of seasonings has evolved into a high art.

The word "Mulligatawny" is another vestige of British colonialism. At Raja Rani, it's spelled *mulgatani* and is a chicken-based broth enlivened by cumin. It's a nice, low-fat alternative to Raja Rani's fried appetizers: *samosas*, which are crisp little pies filled with vegetables or meat; *pakora*, which is a light, tasty relative of tempura, served with a savory chutney; and *aloo* or chicken *chaat*. The latter combine potatoes or chicken, respectively, with chutney and hot banana. They're an acquired taste.

Though the American version has a reputation for intense heat, true curry dishes can range from fiery to quite mild. Probably the spiciest version at Raja Rani is *vindaloo,* a vinegar-spiked dish from the region around Goa, on India's southwestern coast. You can order chicken, lamb, or shrimp versions ($9.75–$12.50), each laced with red chiles and guaranteed to clear your sinuses. Towards the mild end of the scale is *sagwala* chicken ($9.50), a lush dish featuring chicken breast meat bathed in a creamy spinach sauce, and *murgh makhani* ($11), a rich combination of chicken, butter, and tomatoes. Somewhere in the middle is one of my favorite Indian dishes, rogan josh ($11.25): lean chunks of lamb in a pungent, velvety gravy enriched with yogurt.

The charcoal-fired tandoor is as much a hallmark of northern Indian cuisine as is curry. Meats, chicken, and seafood are marinated, typically overnight, in yogurt and spices and then baked in the oven's intense heat. When done right, the flavor-rich juices are seared in a light, zesty crust. Raja Rani does it right, whether it's a mixed grill of chicken, seafood, and lamb ($12.50) or *kebab-e-seekh* ($10.75), soft, savory minced lamb roll-ups whose taste and texture reminded me of gyros.

The tandoor does double duty baking distinctive Indian breads, which are smacked against its blistering hot clay wall. Most of the breads are leavened either lightly or not at all, and are marvelously airy with touches of char. *Chapati* and *paratha* are whole-wheat breads served either plain or stuffed with vegetables and minced lamb; the popular *nan* is smooth and silky, a nice mild foil for the spicy sauces.

Raja Rani has over a dozen vegetarian dishes, including *aloo gobi* ($7.50), a hearty potato and cauliflower curry thick with tomatoes; special *dal* ($7.00), a heady blend of mung beans, butter, and cream; and *paneer palak* ($7.50), a combination of spinach and a homemade cheese that reminded me vaguely of ricotta. The vegetable entrees are satisfying on their own, but they also make a nice shared accompaniment to any of the meat dishes.

In the summer, Raja Rani's bright, sunlit rooms are lovely and inviting, and its canopied outdoor cafe provides some of the nicest warm-weather seating in town. On a winter night, though, I found the dining room cold and a little austere, with the too-bright dining room lights seeming to underscore, rather than compensate for, the gloom outside. The next time, I ordered from Food by Phone and enjoyed Raja Rani's fine food in front of my own fire.

Even after almost twenty-three years, some Ann Arborites have never ventured to Raja Rani. If you're among them, a good, low-risk place to start is the weekday lunch buffet. The selection varies, but it usually includes *tandoori* chicken, vegetable and meat curries, rice, nan, and *raita*, which is a refreshingly tart, loose salad made with cucumbers, potatoes, yogurt, and mint. You can experiment freely to see what you like, and at $6.95, it's a good deal.

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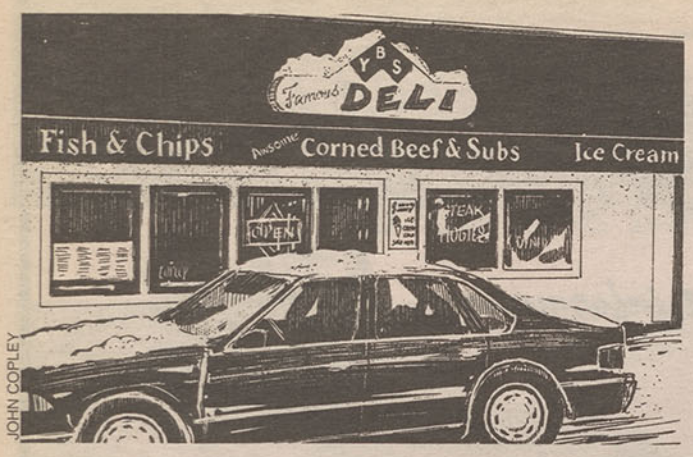

JOHN COPLEY

YBS Deli

Korean kosher?

If my affectionately meddlesome Jewish grandmother weren't still alive and well, I would swear she had been reborn as a middle-aged Korean woman. In the ten minutes I spent waiting for a carryout order from YBS Deli on Washtenaw, owner Young Skeen (the Y in YBS) worried over whether I was getting enough food, insisted I change one of my sandwich orders from roast beef to corned beef—"Better, okay?"—and urged me to hurry up and have children. Like my grandmother, she made me feel warm, welcome, and happily fussed over. The only thing missing was the way my grandmother likes to gently pinch my cheek and murmur endearments.

So it makes perfect sense to me that Skeen operates what is basically a quasi-Jewish deli. YBS doesn't serve schmaltz or gefilte fish, but you can get chopped liver, matzoh ball soup, and, of course, the aforementioned corned beef, cooked by Skeen herself, of which she is justifiably proud. It crops up in a dozen different sandwich combinations, including the number 29, which pairs it with egg salad, Russian dressing, and bacon. (Shh, don't tell my grandmother.)

Last year, Skeen and her husband, Bill (the B), bought what was then called Resnick's Delicatessen. They've spiffed the decor up a bit with freshly painted walls, new carpet, and the loose suggestion of a maize and blue theme, but they've kept the ample menu pretty much the same, adding New England clam chowder ($2.59), fried shrimp ($6.99), and fish and chips ($6.49).

I liked the fish. It reminds me of the egg rolls and vegetable tempura Skeen used to serve when she owned the Kosmo Deli in Kerrytown—the same slightly nutty-tasting batter, fried to the same appealingly chewy, deep golden brown. It comes with a pile of decent fries, superfluous tartar sauce, and a side of very good, finely grated slaw dressed with what tastes like mayo spiked with horseradish.

While I wasn't crazy about the matzoh ball soup ($1.99)—the broth had the dusty, dull taste of too much celery salt, and the dough ball itself was oddly sweet—or a veggie hoagie ($4.69) dominated by an overabundance of mushrooms, I liked all the other sandwiches I tried, especially a first-rate Reuben featuring Skeen's excellent corned beef ($5.99), a steak hoagie brightened with hot pepper relish ($4.39), and a ham and turkey combo on a sturdy, flavorful kaiser roll ($6.59).

The place is pleasant and the food is fine, but what draws me and, I suspect, other customers to YBS is a combination of the convenient location and Skeen. Because of the open layout, she doesn't have quite the command she did over the Kosmo Deli counter, but here, as there, she's the star of the show, warmly hailing each customer, chatting up first-timers, and bantering good-naturedly with her regulars. If YBS would just add rugalach, I know my grandmother would feel right at home.

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Quick Bites

If there's one thing the Observer's Great French Fry Debate proved, it's that Ann Arborites have strong feelings about their spuds. After an early and suspicious cluster of votes, one right after the other, for **Dimo's** on West Stadium—either Dimo's French fries have a particularly rabid following or its employees are fiercely loyal—the votes scattered across the restaurant map.

Mary of Ann Arbor got her vote in early for the **Red Hawk,** adding that in her household, "they are too good to be called mere French fries . . . they are known as the Red Hawk potatoes." Tom likes the waffle fries at **Mr. Spot's.** Rhonda praises **Krazy Jim's Blimpy Burger** for big, crispy fries "that taste like potatoes."

An anonymous caller claims that **Pizza House** serves "the best French fries I've ever tasted in this town." Ed voted for **"Max and Erma's.** Hands down." And Nancy, a true French fry fanatic, confesses that she loves the **Fleetwood's** fries so much that she is unable to leave without ordering a basket—even for breakfast. "They're consistently good," she says. "Thin, crispy, and hot from the fryer."

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As those prices might indicate, the Chop House is intentionally exclusive. "We're coming in with the best there is—it's not an Outback," says Dieter Boehm, one of the three partners in Mainstreet Ventures, which also operates Real Seafood, Palio, Gratzi, and Arriba. "We had to be different, better, very selective with whom we cater to, and the price will take care of that."

The bill of fare, bound in faux leather, features a clubby assortment of steaks, chops, and select seafood, available with retro sides like potatoes au gratin, grilled asparagus, a jumbo baked spud, or sautéed spinach for an additional $4–$7. Boehm says that all the ingredients, from the USDA prime beef to the lump crabmeat, are "the best you can buy. If it doesn't come out right, we screwed it up."

The Chop House looks as rich as its menu, with hardwood floors, an old-fashioned leather banquette running along the south wall, heavy linen curtains and tablecloths, antique accents, and intimate table lamps. The restaurant seats only eighty-six, and if it follows the industry standard of holding 20–30 percent of the tables open for walk-ins, there are just sixty seats available for reservations.

The Chop House shares a hostess stand with **La Dolce Vita,** the after-dinner club Mainstreet Ventures has opened next door. Doorways lead to the Chop House on one side and Gratzi on the other. Officially La Dolce Vita is a dessert room and cigar bar, but in practice, it's closer to a gentlemen's club than anything else—a gentlemen's club where women will feel perfectly welcome and at home. The back half of the first floor is broken up into small, living room–like groupings, with elegant, low-slung couches and upholstered chairs gathered around generous coffee tables and, at the back, a gas fireplace. At the front, a small but stylish bar offers several stools and a few tables.

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There's a fine-looking humidor at the front of the space, where boxes of hand-rolled imports are on display, but cigar smoking is allowed only in a lounge downstairs. The lounge is as beautifully appointed as the main floor, but its look is darker and more masculine, with leather club chairs, scattered Oriental-style rugs on the stone floor, and walls lined with wine racks. There's a small, glassed-in dining room down here, too, where private parties can have both dinner and dessert.

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To those who are critical of a restaurant that would allow cigar smoking in the basement, Boehm says, "Let the market find its niche. If people say, 'We will no longer go to [the] Chop House because they smoke cigars there,' we will change that policy very, very fast." To make the cigar smoking more tolerable, Mainstreet Ventures has outfitted the basement with a sophisticated ventilation and filtration system that constantly draws in outside air. Boehm says that even after a whole evening in the cigar bar, he was unable to smell smoke on his clothes when he got home.

You can't get dessert at the Chop House. Instead, your waitperson will make you a reservation, if needed, at La Dolce Vita. That may sound clumsy—who wants to have to get up and relocate at the end of the meal?—but it makes sense if you think about it: most people are *ready* to get up and relocate before coffee, which is why there are so many pilgrimages to restrooms at this point in the meal. Pastry chef Cheryl Hanewich offers the classics: crème brûlée, a chocolate crêpe, Grand Marnier soufflé, cheese and fruit. La Dolce's menu also features a dozen specialty martinis, including the whimsical Chocolate Martini made with vodka, Godiva chocolate liqueur, and a chocolate olive.

Diners at Gratzi are also being encouraged to have dessert next door, a practice made easier by a new doorway between the two establishments. "It was the only one-in-a-million break we got," Boehm laughs. "There was already a doorway through, from the past. We just opened the thing up, and it just happened to fall in between two booths. We only lost one booth."

The Chop House is the second new restaurant on Main Street to offer classic steak-and-chops fare: Jimmy Schmidt changed his ailing Chianti Tuscan Grill to Jimmy's Double A Grill last year. Asked if Mainstreet Ventures was concerned about the competition, Boehm had just one thing to say: "Jimmy who?"

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A State Street store supports Third World co-ops

Ethnic Creations aims to offer an alternative to the Gap

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Just before the holidays, Daniel and Delphine Stephens opened **Ethnic Creations** on State Street. It's the sixth store the couple owns in the small import clothing and accessories chain—they have three others in Michigan, one in Ohio, and one in Florida.

Housed in what used to be the southern half of Marty's Menswear, Ethnic Creations is packed with exotic treasures. There are thick, beautiful wool sweaters from Ecuador priced during the holidays at $50 each, bongo drums, scented candles, hand-woven backpacks and handbags, hand-carved wooden folk art, $12 rings, sinuous silver bracelets, hand-thrown clay candle holders, intricately carved chess sets, and $35 "broomstick" skirts—so called because they are meant to be stored rolled up tight, like broomsticks, to set the crinkles and creases into the fabric and create dozens of tiny pleats.

One of the reasons those prices are so low is that the Stephenses import the bulk of their inventory directly from cooperatives and cottage industries in a host of developing countries, including Thailand, Indonesia, Nepal, Guatemala, and Malaysia. "If I can avoid it at all, I stay away from the middle guys," Daniel Stephens says. "We only work with small companies around the world."

The couple likes the fact that in a co-op the manufacturers or producers have control over the organization, whereas workers for a major clothing company like the Gap are just factory laborers, often sewing only a small portion of the entire garment and then passing it on down an assembly line. "When the producers are the laborers, the workers can determine their own schedules," Daniel says. "A lot of our wool products are produced at home, while the workers are also doing child care or tending to crops. It reinforces their traditional structures and culture."

Daniel first began working with cooperatives in 1986 as CFO of Co-op America, a Washington, D.C., membership organization and mail order catalog of co-op merchandise from around the world. In 1989, he left the company to start his own import business, then called Code Paz. While traveling in Latin America to develop ties with cooperatives there, he met his future wife, Delphine. A native of Switzerland, Delphine was to have been part of a group building a library in Nicaragua, but the project fell through. She still had her

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Delphine and Daniel Stephens's Ethnic Creations features the products of cooperatives and cottage industries in developing countries.

plane ticket, so she came to Nicaragua anyway. They soon discovered they were kindred spirits.

The couple, who moved to Ann Arbor six years ago, have their hands full these days. Not only have they opened three new stores in the past year, they also have a three-month-old son, Dylan Martí, named after the turn-of-the-century Cuban poet and revolutionary José Martí. He hasn't slowed them down a bit. Daniel runs the wholesale part of the business, Delphine oversees the retail, and they both work from home as often as they can, so they can be with their son. "We haven't been separated from him since he was born," Daniel says, "so that's pretty good."

Ethnic Creations, 310 S. State, 747–7417. Mon.–Sat. 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; Mon., Thurs., and Fri. till 9 p.m.

Techno duel

First Ann Arbor had no bars playing techno music. Now it has two

The Full Moon. The Monkey Bar & Grill. The Liberty Inn. Kitty O'Sheas. The Flame. The list of downtown saloon concepts adopted and abandoned by Andy Gulvezan is longer than most bar menus. Now Gulvezan has jettisoned the Liquid Lounge, the techno dance club developed and run by local musicians Bryan Mellberg and Mark Zadvinskis, in favor of his own techno dance club, **Crush! Bar.**

The breakup left hard feelings—and spawned a techno duel. Zadvinskis and Mellberg are remodeling the old Oyster Bar space on Huron with plans to reopen the **Liquid Lounge** there sometime this winter.

Zadvinskis, a design consultant and part-time musician, says he and housemate Mellberg brought the techno dance club concept to Gulvezan after noticing idle space in what was then the Crow Bar on Main Street. The deal, he says, was that they would get the take from the door, while Gulvezan would get the liquor sales. The musicians supplied the lighting, sound, deejays, and management. They even came up with the name and decorated the space out of their own pockets.

Zadvinskis says the partners wanted to try the concept because they were sick of having to drive into Detroit to hear house and techno music. Techno, which got its start in Detroit, is a high-tech offshoot of house music, a combination of New York–style mixing and remixing techniques with black urban disco popularized at an after-hours Chicago dance club called the Warehouse.

Because the deejays who spin house and techno build their own music libraries, they develop a fan base who follow their individual styles. If a club owner can tap into this fan base, he can suddenly find himself doing quite a bit of business.

That's what happened, says Zadvinskis, at the Liquid Lounge. Starting on Wednesday nights on the Crow Bar's upper floors, the club was so successful that it took over the entire building for New Year's Eve 1997.

At this point, Zadvinskis says, there was some talk of a formal contract between the partners. But before they could come to terms, he says, Gulvezan told them that he was reclaiming his space and they would have to leave. According to Zadvinskis, he told them he was planning on continuing to call the place the Liquid Lounge.

"I said, 'I own that name; I designed the logo,' " Zadvinskis says. "He said, 'I don't care.' Even though we took his capacity from a hundred people a night to five or six hundred on a good weekend night, cut his overhead, and streamlined his business, he still wanted more. We got booted simply because he wanted the door receipts." (Gulvezan did not return calls seeking comment.) Ultimately, Zadvinskis and Mellberg wound up hiring an attorney, and Gulvezan reopened last fall under the name Crush! Bar. According to the answering machine at Crush!, the twenty-one-and-over club hosts swing nights on Wednesdays and features Top 40, house, and techno music on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Instead of calling it quits, Zadvinskis and Mellberg began hunting for another location. "Just like before, we obviously couldn't afford to get our own space, we couldn't afford a liquor license, it's too much overhead, it's too much all at once," Zadvinskis says. "We were looking for a great space that was doing less than adequate business." They found it in the old Oyster Bar & Spaghetti Machine below

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Amer's First Street Grill. Owner Amer Bathish had been planning on turning the space into a combination pizza joint and dance club called the Underdog, but he had his hands full with the upstairs restaurant and was happy to get the rental income.

Zadvinskis says that for the new Liquid Lounge, they're creating "a kind of living-room atmosphere—everything's going to be kind of velvety and cushy, with leather prints, velvet block tiles on the wall, velvet draperies, lava lamps." The partners plan to host a weekly swing night and play house and techno the rest of the week. While the downstairs space is being remodeled, Zadvinskis and Mellberg are hosting dance parties two nights a week upstairs at Amer's, including Thursday's "Swing Fling," featuring free dance lessons, and Friday's "Ultravinyl," with house music spun by many of the same deejays who worked with the partners on Main Street.

Even though the basement space isn't done yet, Zadvinskis is thrilled with it. "It's intimate, we can fill it for sure, and on nights when we need more space, we can spill over upstairs into the restaurant after the dinner hour," he says. "Everything happened for the best. This place is going to be better than ever."

Crush! Bar, 311 S. Main, 665–8484. Wed.–Sat. 9 p.m.–2 a.m.

The Liquid Lounge, 301 W. Huron, 622–8100. Probable hours: Wed.–Sat. 9 p.m.–2 a.m.

Magnolia bark meets the shiatsu massage lounger

An alternative apothecary at Barefoot Doctors

Is it possible to have a special relationship with a chair? If so, there are bound to be more than a few suitors courting the Panasonic Great Escape shiatsu massage lounger, on display at **Barefoot Doctors Apothecary.** Flick a switch, and the chair gently pummels your upper back. Press a button, and what feels like a space age rolling pin begins undulating up and down your spine. Flip a lever at the side, and the footrest comes up—and ooh! It vibrates! This must be love.

Make that love for sale—in this case, for $3,395. If that's too rich for your blood, the Apothecary also sells toaster-sized head and foot massagers, and old-fashioned wooden Footsie Rollers. For under $30, you can buy a weird little gizmo that looks like two tennis balls mounted on a short plastic whip. Flagellating your shoulders with it feels surprisingly good.

The Apothecary is an offshoot of the Barefoot Doctors' medical practice next door, run by Alison Lee, M.D. Board certified in anesthesiology and pain management, Lee has devoted her practice to acupuncture and Chinese medicine since moving to Ann Arbor from her native New York several years ago. "We had this sort of private apothecary in the back," she says, "but we started getting a number of calls over the years from people saying, 'Castle Remedies told us to call you,' or 'Whole Foods told us to call you, I need to find a such-and-such and they don't even know what it is.' We always knew what it was, but we weren't really set up to deal with retail. So we expanded and opened to the public."

Lee says many of the calls were for the same things: herbal remedies, lights to counteract seasonal affective disorder, and magnets, which have been used to alleviate pain for thousands of years and are enjoying a current renaissance. "The body has electrical fields," Lee says, "and anywhere we have electricity flowing, you also have magnetism. Probably that might even be the scientific definition of 'chi.' Magnets have been shown to affect nerves, and so can affect pain transmission. But we don't really know why."

The Apothecary sells prepared herbal remedies as well as bulk Chinese herbs like magnolia bark, wolfberry, snake gourd seed, and bletilla tuber, used to make medicinal soups and teas. Apothe-

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Ruth Pataky tends the Barefoot Doctors Apothecary on Ann.

cary employee Ruth Pataky told me that the beautiful Chinese clay pots in the display case next to the register were traditionally intended to be used with only one kind of tea: the tea was supposed to penetrate the pot's clay walls so thoroughly that one needed only to add hot water to get the beneficial medicinal effect. "I don't know how long that would take," Pataky said.

The store is small but serene, its shelves filled with a wonderfully browsable collection of herbs, inflatable travel pillows, liniments, lotions, crystals, soaps, and magnetic jewelry. There are even herbs for Fido and Fluffy: a senior blend for older pets, an allergy remedy, and my personal favorite, something called Tinkle Tonic.

The main attraction, however, is undeniably the Panasonic massage lounger and its sign that urges, "Try Me!" If it's your first time, be careful. It's a powerful experience—so powerful, in fact, that the manufacturer warns first-timers not to spend more than five minutes in the chair. "People don't realize how effective it is," says Pataky. "One customer sat in the chair for half an hour, and afterward, he said he felt like he'd been hit by a truck!"

Barefoot Doctors Apothecary, 111 E. Ann, 761–4823. Winter hours: Tues.–Fri. 11 a.m.–6 p.m. (Thurs. till 8 p.m.), Sat. 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Leaving the Embassy

A remodeling at downtown's humblest hotel displaces two of its smallest stores

Two tiny downtown stores lost their Fourth Avenue spaces in December when their landlord, Gobind Singh, announced his plans to remodel the Embassy Hotel building in which they were housed. Farah Rose Creations has moved to East Liberty Plaza at the corner of Fifth and Liberty. A Different Attitude has relocated to the former Vault of Midnight Comix space on Ashley Street.

The owner of **A Different Attitude,** Sue Cattell, is optimistic about the move, which has allowed her and her husband, Larry, to reintroduce the Nepalese and African imports they used to sell before their popular collection of water pipes and hookahs more or less took over the tiny Fourth Avenue shop. Cattell is adding candles, jewelry, and hand-blown glass bottles to her new store's stock. She's especially excited about a new line of hand-carved pens made from bocote, cocobolo, Bolivian rosewood, and other exotic hardwoods, which start at $13.

The new three-room space is decorated with murals by Ann Arbor artist John Kaufman: a whimsical Alice in Wonderland scene, a replica of the giant lips from the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* poster, and a *Star Trek: The Next Generation* portrait of two characters dressed as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. "We've got plenty of wall space because the place is big, and there are a lot of display cases, so when I meet local artists, I'm thinking of having them come in and do more murals," Sue says. "It will give my store a distinctive look, and it helps local artists out. Why not? People helped me when I was getting started."

The Cattells opened their new store on January 2, the day of the big storm that dumped fifteen inches of snow on Ann Arbor. "I was so nervous, because it was my first day and nobody was coming in," Sue laughs. Finally, a friend of hers stopped by to let her know that a blizzard was raging outside and many other downtown stores were closing. "I was kind of relieved," she says.

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Farah Rose, who started out with a body piercing counter inside A Different Attitude before getting her own Fourth Avenue space, **Farah Rose Creations,** is now subleasing from Cameron Vand, who opened his CP&U store (short for Computers, Peripherals, and Upgrades) in East Liberty Plaza last fall.

Rose has been making jewelry since she was a little girl. "My mother had so many creative ideas, and she knew I loved jewelry," Rose says; her mom, Carmen R. Green, is a landscape painter. "We would make crowns of popcorn, beautiful necklaces that looked like gemstones made out of foil and paper. I had all kinds of bangles to dangle on my arms."

Today, Rose works with somewhat more sophisticated materials, including silver, gold, beadwork, charms, and wire wrapping. Her geologist father sparked her interest in gemstones and taught her to work with metals and wire. "I make everything from beautiful wire-wrapped fourteen-karat gold pendants to custom-wrapped chains with customer's birthstones," she says. "My jewelry is a reflection of my father's interest in stones, and my mother's art." Rose showcases her mom's work inside the shop.

She still does some body piercing. "There are no standards or laws on the city or state books governing body piercing," she says, "so I wanted to provide a safe, clean environment for professionals who are interested in ornamental piercing for maybe the only time in their life." Rose trained with registered nurse Mona DeVore in White Lake, and studied anatomy books on her own to learn the structure of the ear, the layers of skin, and where capillaries and veins lie.

Those studies led her to limit her services to above-the-waist piercings. "You're asking for trouble in a warm, moist area with an open wound that is constantly kept covered," she says. She also refuses to pierce tongues or lips. "The area of the mouth is loaded with so many capillaries and veins, it's very dangerous. Even if the piercing is done well, someone could continue to play with their jewelry and burst a blood vessel in their mouth."

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A Different Attitude, 322 S. Ashley, 930–6699. Mon.–Sat. noon–7 p.m.

Farah Rose Creations, 245 E. Liberty, 669–0900. Mon.–Fri. 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sat. 11:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Nick Easton's new plan

He's shifting from selling antiques to booking music

When Antiques Marketplace owner Nick Easton opened the Cavern Club in the basement of his capacious old building on First Street, he thought of it as an interesting sideline that would supplement his antiques business on the first and second floors. Instead, the club has become so successful, it's convinced him to change careers. At the end of December, Easton closed the Antiques Marketplace and plans to spend the next six months turning the first floor of his building into two more clubs: **Gotham City** and **Millennium.**

"I love antiques and it's been a fun business," he says. "But it's also very cyclical, and not one you can really count on. I'm having a lot of fun with the Cavern Club, and since I already have a liquor license that I can apply to the other floors, I thought I'd take advantage of it. It's appealing, and it's profitable. There's simply more money in alcohol than there is in antiques."

Easton says his concept is still evolving, but right now he pictures the first-floor space as futuristic, with a fully lit replica of the New York City skyline and two sleek, sculptural bars. Half of the space has tentatively been designated for Gotham City, which will feature classic and alternative rock acts; the other half is given over to Millennium and will feature swing music. Between all three clubs, Easton says he'll be able to accommodate an astonishing 1,300 patrons. He plans to charge $5 to get into one club, or $12 for a pass that will allow fans to move between all three (the Cavern Club, which currently hosts blues and rockabilly acts, may adjust its focus as the other venues take shape).

The building, built as a brewery in 1853, has thick cement-block and brick walls that will provide a natural sound barrier between the two new clubs. In addition, architect Dick Fry will install soundproofing material in the floor and in any new walls so that three bands can play simultaneously with little or no bleed-through. Easton has a personal interest in keeping things as quiet as possible: he lives on the building's top floor.

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Easton says most of the antique dealers who've been leasing booth space from him have found new locations in the area. As for his own inventory, whatever he doesn't use to decorate the new clubs will be sold at auction. He plans to keep his hand in the antiques business by continuing to promote the semiannual 225-dealer shows he organizes in Utica, but for the most part he's devoting himself to his new career as club owner and booking agent. "Isn't it funny how things change?" he muses. "I had no idea I would enjoy this atmosphere, the excitement, the music, and meeting the musicians so much. I'm having a great time."

Gotham City and Millennium, 210 S. First, phone and hours unavailable at press time.

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Local humans who developed a **Cinnabon** craving from the company's short-lived outlet in the Traver Village Kroger will get a chance to rediscover their favorite treat when Cinnabon opens a new Briarwood location this spring. Because the store will replace current seasonal tenant Day By Day Calendar Company, construction has yet to begin, and there's no firm opening date. But when Cinnabon's open, you'll know it. As fans of Briarwood's long-gone Cinnacraz may remember, the sweet, yeasty aroma, borne on the currents of a shopping center ventilation system, renders signage practically unnecessary. Cinnamon rolls sell themselves on smell alone.

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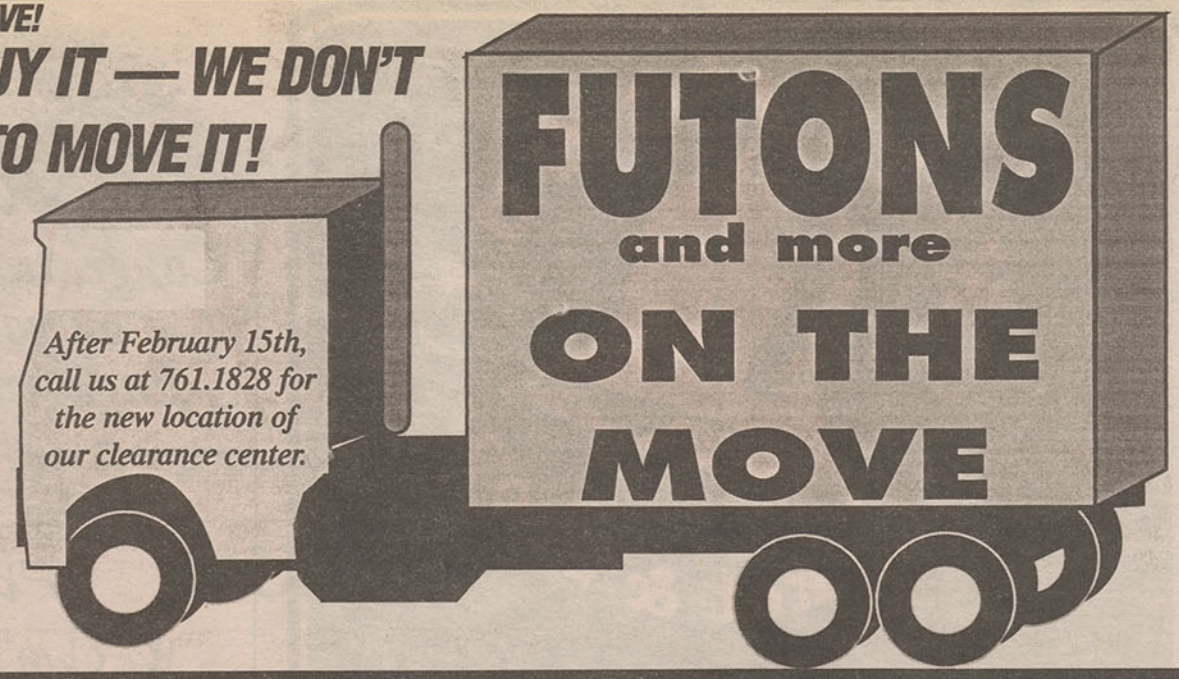

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Also new at Briarwood is **Great Earth Vitamins,** which opened in January in the former Fine Golden Needle space near the new Eddie Bauer entrance. Great Earth, based in Hicksville, New York, bills itself as "the nation's second largest chain retailer of vitamins and nutritional supplements." In opening its first Michigan franchise in Briarwood, it's going toe to toe with its chief competitor, GNC, which also has a store at the mall.

The owners of the franchise are Richard and Kim Simons, a former Ford engineer and a practicing R.N., respectively, who were looking for a business to call their own. Richard says they actually considered GNC but decided on Great Earth because of the emphasis the company puts on education. "They really focus on product training to be able to help the customer," he says. "More so than I saw in other similar stores, where the emphasis was on . . . how to run a cash register."

Great Earth produces its own line of vitamins, minerals, herbs, homeopathic remedies, and sports nutrition and diet products. In particular, the company touts its patented timed-release process called EarthSpan, which gradually releases vitamins into your system for up to sixteen hours.

Both born and raised in Webberville and now living in Brighton, the Simonses believe in staying active and fit, not just for their own health, but for the health of their new business. It doesn't inspire much consumer confidence, after all, if the guy behind the counter in the vitamin store looks unhealthy and out of shape. "And you do see that," Richard says. "So you wonder, gee, does this stuff really work?"

Cinnabon, phone number unavailable at press time, and Great Earth Vitamins, 622–9000, both at Briarwood. Mon.–Sat. 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tidbits

Casablanca owner Kal Mardini has changed the name of his Middle Eastern restaurant on South University to **Taj Kabob** and taken on employees Al Kana and Imad Alkaseem as partners. The menu remains the same with slightly lowered

prices; entrees are now $8–$9 as opposed to the original $12 average.

Follow-Up

Five years ago this month, the Changes column featured seven new businesses. Three have since closed: Exotic Bakeries' Kerrytown outlet, **E.B. Cafe;** Joe Ruggirello's sports memorabilia shop, **Old Ball Park,** in Westgate; and **Repp Ltd. Big and Tall,** the company that had bought out the Harry's Big and Tall chain, including its West Stadium store in Boulevard Plaza, in 1994.

Jonathan's Restaurant is still serving up home-cooked Greek-American fare on Jackson Road. Near the Kroger plaza on Washtenaw, the **Hook-Up** continues to stock fun, distinctive fashions. **Sam's Club,** the Wal-Mart–owned, members-only discount store, is still open on Carpenter. **Champion's Convenience Store** is still in business, too, but owners David and Robert Yousif have moved the store from its original location on South University around the corner to the front of their laundromat on South Forest.

February 1994 survival rate: 57 percent

One year ago this month, Marketplace Changes reported five retail and restaurant openings, some of them pending. One of them never actually happened: Dan Cobello had planned to replace the A^2 Ice^3 concession stand he was running with a full-service restaurant tentatively to be called **Cobello's,** but those plans fell through when Cobello was let go by Cube management. The Issa family, of Big Market fame, operates a sit-down restaurant there now called the **Cube Deli & Cafe,** where they serve hot dogs, pizza, cold sandwiches, salads, pastas, and breakfast baked goods.

Another new business in the Cube fared better: Bob Perani's **Hockey World,** which replaced the Cube-operated pro shop, is still in business. Also celebrating a one-year anniversary: **La Mirage,** the elegant tobacco shop on East Liberty.

Last February, Amer Bathish of the **Screaming Dog** and the Bowman family of **W. A. Bowman** hoped to have their eateries up and running within a matter of weeks, but it was summer and fall, respectively, before they actually opened their doors. Since then, the Screaming Dog has been renamed **Amer's First Street Grill,** essentially the same supper-club concept with a less ambitious—and less expensive—menu.

February 1998 survival rate: 80 percent

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Wednesday • February 3 • 7:30 PM
Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. *Sister of My Heart*
From the bestselling author of *THE MISTRESS OF SPICES*, a passionate novel about the extraordinary bond between two sisters, and the jealousies, loves, and family secrets that threaten to tear them apart.
Reading with signing to follow.

Photo: Beth Gwinn

Friday • February 5 • 7:00 PM
Neil Gaiman. *Stardust*
Creator of the ***Sandman*** series of graphic novels, and author of the novels ***Good Omens*** and ***Nevermore,*** Neil Gaiman will visit BORDERS with his new book, ***Stardust.***
Reading with signing to follow.

Photo: Marion Ettlinger

Thursday • February 11 • 7:00 PM
Suzanne Vega. *The Passionate Eye*
Suzanne Vega comes to BORDERS with a dazzling new collection of poetry, song lyrics, stories and memories called ***The Passionate Eye.*** Suzanne will perform a short set of her music, read selections from ***The Passionate Eye***, and sign copies of the book. ***Please join us!***

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What gets in?

With few exceptions, events must be within Ann Arbor. Always include the address and telephone of a contact person. Please try to submit materials as early as possible; items submitted after the deadline (usually the 2nd Friday of the preceding month) might not get in.

Next month's deadline:

All appropriate materials received by Tuesday, February 9, will be used as space permits; materials submitted later might not get in.

FILM SOCIETIES on and off campus

Basic info:
Tickets $4 unless otherwise noted.

Abbreviations for film societies:
CH—Canterbury House 665–0606. **CCS**—U-M Center for Chinese Studies 764–6308. **CG**—Cinema Guild 994–0027. **CJS**—U-M Center for Japanese Studies 764–6307. **Chelsea**—Chelsea Film Society. $4.50 (children 12 & under and seniors 65 & over, $2). 475–4596, 475–2955. **FV**—Program in Film & Video Studies 764–0147. **GH**—German House 764–2152. **HILL**—Hill Street Cinema 769–0500. **IWW**—Industrial Workers of the World. **M-FLICKS**—University Activities Center. $2. 763–1107. **MTF**—Michigan Theater Foundation. $6.50 (children, students, & seniors, $5; MTF members, $4.50). 668–8480. **U-CLUB**—Michigan Union University Club, 763–3202.

Abbreviations for locations:
AADL—Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. **AH-A**—Angell Hall Auditorium A. **Canterbury**—Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron. **Chelsea**—Chelsea Depot, Jackson at Main St., Chelsea. **Chrysler**—Chrysler Center Auditorium, 2121 Bonisteel Blvd., North Campus. **EQ**—Room 126 East Quad, East University at Hill. **German House**—603 Oxford at Geddes Ave. **Hillel**—Green Auditorium, Hillel Foundation, 1429 Hill St. **IWW**—Industrial Workers of the World headquarters, 103 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. **Lorch**—Lorch Hall (Old Architecture Building), Tappan at Monroe. **Mich.**—Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. **MLB**—Modern Languages Building, E. Washington at Thayer. **Nat. Sci.**—Natural Science Building, 830 North University at Thayer. **U-CLUB**—Michigan Union U-Club, 530 S. State.

★ *Denotes no admission charge.*

WARNING!

To save space, many recurrent events are noted only the first time they occur. This includes many weekly and biweekly events. To find a full list of events for the last Wednesday in the month, for example, readers should also check earlier Wednesday listings, especially the first Wednesday.

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1 MONDAY

★**Weekly Rehearsal: Women's Chamber Chorus.** *Every Monday.* All invited to join this independent 30-member local women's chorus, a member of the Washtenaw Council for the Arts, to sing everything from Bach and Hungarian folk songs to madrigals and pop tunes. Gini Robison directs. *10–11:45 a.m., West Side Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St. Free to first-time visitors ($40 per semester membership dues). 677–0678, 663–5907.*

★**Monday Club: Ann Arbor Salvation Army.** *Every Monday.* Drop-in social group for seniors age 55 and older. Every meeting includes a special program, speaker, word game, or craft activity. The weekly program also includes **Bible study** and **chair exercises.** Coffee, tea, juice, and doughnuts served. Followed by lunch and socializing. *10:30 a.m.–noon, Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. Free ($1 donation for lunch). 668–8353.*

★**Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center.** *Every Monday.* Activities begin with **"Fitness Fun"** (11 a.m.–noon) led by Maria Farquhar. At noon, a homemade luncheon buffet ($4, $3 with reservations). Also, a meeting of the creative writing group **Words for Ourselves, Our Children, Our Community** (3 p.m.). Bridge, chess, and Trivial Pursuit games also begin at 3 p.m. All invited. *11 a.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

Weekly Luncheon Series: M Club of Ann Arbor. *Every Monday.* A weekly lunchtime talk by U-M coach **Brian Ellerbe,** with another U-M coach and often a student athlete. Today: track coach Jack Harvey. Also this month: graduate women's track coach James Henry (February 8), men's baseball coach Geoff Zahn (February 15), and women's crew coach Mark Rothstein (February 22). *11:30 a.m., Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd. Lunch cost: $6.75 (seniors, $6.25). For more information, call Steve Semple at 973–9447.*

★**"Chat with Dr. Ed": U-M Turner Geriatrics Center.** *February 1 & 15.* All seniors age 50 & older invited to join retired physician Edmund Whale for informal conversation and to ask general medical questions. *Noon–1 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

★**Bible Study Group: Guild House.** *February 1 & 15.* All women invited to study the Bible with Guild House minister Diane Christopherson. The group is currently studying the Book of Acts and the sociopolitical and cultural contexts of the formation of the Christian church. *Noon–1 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free. 662–5189.*

★**"Voices from the Past": Ann Arbor District Library "Downtown Sounds" Concert Series.** Local record collector Barry "The Record Man" Ellis plays old 78s featuring **Henry Burr,** a vaudeville performer and ballad singer who took part in more than 12,000 recording sessions for RCA Victor and Columbia between 1902 and 1922. A chance to hear the debut recordings of many hit songs from the beginning of the century. Bring a bag lunch; coffee & tea provided. *12:10–1 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4510.*

★**"The Conjurer's Walking Stick": Washtenaw Community College.** Slide-illustrated talk on folkloric themes in African-American fine arts by local cultural anthropologist Bamidele Agbasegbe Demerson. Also, African dance demonstration by WCC student Akili Jackson. *1–3 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Art Gallery, Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 973–3519.*

"Beginners Guide to the World Wide Web": Ann Arbor District Library. *February 1, 10, & 20.* A hands-on introduction to Web basics, including how to use browsing software and other Internet features. Open to all AADL library cardholders. *Note:* A free version of this class (preregistration required), with less hands-on opportunity, is offered at the Northeast Branch (February 10, 3 p.m.). *3 p.m. (February 1), 7 p.m. (February 10), & 11 a.m. (February 20), Ann Arbor District Library training center (3rd floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. $5. Preregistration required. 327–4550.*

★**"Sustainable Development, Community, and Business": U-M Erb Environmental Management Institute.** *February 1, 15, & 22.* Part of a semester-long lecture series organized in preparation for a "National Town Meeting for a Sustainable America," sponsored by the President's Council on Sustainable Development, to be held in Detroit in early May. Today: Oberlin College environmental studies professor David Orr discusses **"Sustainable Education."** Also this month: Stanford University biological sciences professor Stephen Schneider discusses **"Sustainable Climate"** (February 15), and U-M atmospheric sciences professor Mary Ann Carroll, University of Virginia environmental studies professor Jennie Moody, Purdue University earth and atmospheric sciences professor Paul Shepson, and Washington State University civil and environmental engineering professor Hal Westberg participate in a panel discussion of **"Sustainable Atmosphere"** (February 22). *4 p.m., U-M Business School*

Maxim Vengerov, Feb. 14

Blake Clark, Feb. 25–27

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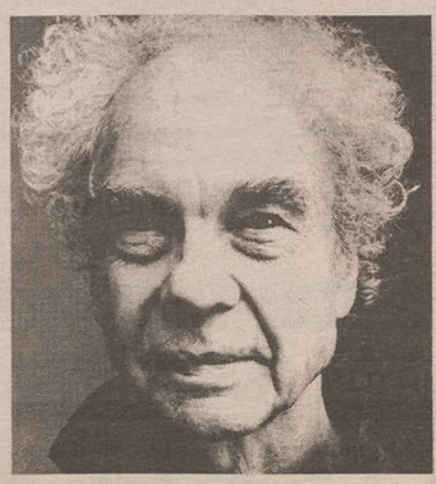
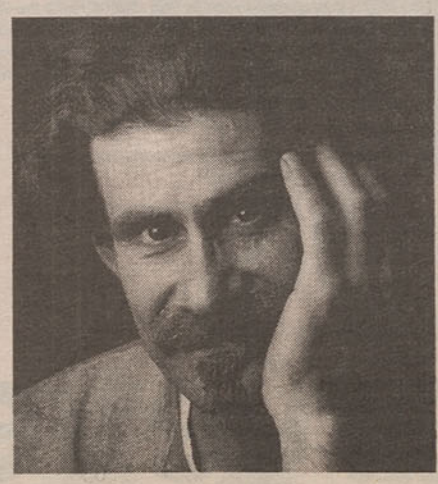


Merce Cunningham, Feb. 12–13



Dick Siegel, Feb. 12

University Musical Society

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American String Quartet

Sunday, February 7, 4 p.m.
Rackham Auditorium

PROGRAM:

Beethoven	Quartet in F Major, Op. 18, No. 1
Fuchs	Quartet No. 3 ("Whispers of Heavenly Death")
Beethoven	Quartet in e minor, Op. 59, No. 2

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Merce Cunningham Dance Company

Friday, February 12, 8 p.m.
Saturday, February 13, 8 p.m.
Power Center

Always unpredictable and imaginative, legendary choreographer Merce Cunningham has spent a lifetime not just living on the cutting edge, but inventing it. Cunningham's innovative collaborations with modern composers and visual artists — including Robert Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns, Andy Warhol, John Cage, and, most recently, fashion designer Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons — have pushed the envelope in exploring the possibilities for expression locked in the human body. These two different programs, along with an event-packed residency, highlight classic works from his past, as well as some of his latest creations and collaborations.

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Maxim Vengerov, violin

Igor Uryash, piano

Sunday, February 14, 4 p.m.
Hill Auditorium

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PROGRAM

Brahms	Sonata No. 2 in A Major, Op. 100
Prokofiev	Sonata No. 1 in f minor, Op. 80
Ravel	Tzigane
Sarasate	Caprice Basque
Rachmaninoff	Vocalise
Waxman	Carmen Fantasy

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Orpheus Chamber Orchestra
Pepe Romero, guitar

Monday, February 15, 8 p.m.
Rackham Auditorium

Celebrated worldwide for his thrilling interpretations and flawless technique, guitarist Pepe Romero takes time out from performing with his familial quartet, The Romeros, to join this formidable chamber ensemble for a delicious evening of chamber music. "To call Pepe Romero a superb guitarist is to understate the case." (*New York Times*)

PROGRAM

Elgar	Serenade in e minor, Op. 20
Vivaldi	Concerto in D Major for Guitar and Strings
Giuliani	Concerto in A Major for Guitar and Strings, Op. 30, No. 1
Turina	La oracion del torero, Op. 34
Shostakovich	String Symphony No. 8 (Quartet No. 8)

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Meryl Tankard Australian Dance Theatre
Furioso

Friday, February 19, 8 p.m.
Saturday, February 20, 8 p.m.
Power Center

Formerly a principal dancer with Pina Bausch's famed Tanz theater Wuppertal, Meryl Tankard has transformed dance in Australia, gaining notoriety for her stunning choreographic invention and for the exceptional physicality, passion and rough-edge virtuosity of her work. In her thrilling aerial work *Furioso*, female dancers soar overhead, simultaneously evoking angels, spirits and tethered prisoners of desire. Their male counterparts remain earthbound, offering athletic entreaties to the spiraling and arcing muses.

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Michigan Chamber Players

Faculty Artists of the University of Michigan School of Music

Erling Bengtsson, cello; Andrew Jennings, violin; Louis Nagel, piano; Yizhak Schotten, viola; Stephen Shipps, violin; Logan Skelton, piano

Sunday, February 21, 4 p.m.
Rackham Auditorium • Complimentary Admission

PROGRAM

Beethoven	Piano Trio in c minor, Op. 1, No. 3
Dohnányi	Serenade for String Trio, Op. 10
Fauré	Piano Quintet No. 2, Op. 115

Kodo

Tuesday, February 23, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, February 24, 8 p.m.
Thursday, February 25, 8 p.m.
Power Center

Back by popular demand, the magnificent drummers of Kodo return for their only regional performances! This breathtaking group astonishes audiences time after time with the sheer physicality and energy with which they attack their drums, including the 900-pound o-daiko, which is carved from the trunk of a single tree. Don't miss this awe-inspiring ensemble in its tenth Ann Arbor appearance.

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Camerata Dinner precedes Tuesday's performance.

educational events

American String Quartet with Kenneth Fuchs

PREP "From Romeo to Leonore: The Operatic Quartet" by Steven Whiting, U-M Assistant Professor of Musicology, with U-M School of Music student musicians. *Sun, Feb 7, 3 p.m., MI League Vandenberg Room.*

Meet the Artists Post-performance dialogue from the stage with the American String Quartet and composer Kenneth Fuchs.

Lecture "Interdisciplinary Relationships in Music and the Fine Arts" by composer Kenneth Fuchs. *Mon, Feb 8, 12 noon, U-M School of Music Room 2033.*

Merce Cunningham Dance Company

Lobby Exhibit Art from the Ann Arbor Public Schools, inspired by Merce Cunningham on display. *Feb 1–14, Power Center Lobby.*

Family Workshop: A Chance Encounter Parents and their children (ages 7 and up) explore visual art and dance in a workshop that culminates in a free performance and reception on Wed, Feb 10. Call 734-994-8004 x101 for information and registration, or register at the Ann Arbor Art Center. *Sat, Feb 6, 2:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Art Center and Dance Gallery/Peter Sparling & Co.* $

Art Class: Random Patterns with connections to the Cunningham Company. Call 734-994-8004 x101 for information and registration, or register at the Ann Arbor Art Center. *Sat, Feb 6, 9 a.m., Ann Arbor Art Center.* $

Art Lecture "Costume and Image: Form? Function? Funky?" Call 734-994-8004 x101 for information and registration, or register at the Ann Arbor Art Center. *Mon, Feb 8, 7 p.m., Ann Arbor Art Center.* $

Brown-bag Lunch on John Cage's Cartridge Music, presented by Laura Kuhn, Director of the John Cage Trust, and U-M Professor Stephen Rush. *Tue, Feb 9, 12 noon, U-M Institute for the Humanities.*

Music for Dance Lecture for choreographers and composers with Laura Kuhn, Director of the John Cage Trust, and U-M Professor Stephen Rush. *Tue, Feb 9, 2:45 p.m., U-M Dance Building Studio A.*

Lecture and Video Screening by Elliot Caplan, former resident filmmaker for the Cunningham Company. *Tue, Feb 9, 7 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library, Multipurpose Room.*

Family Workshop: Performance & Reception Parents and their children perform the Chance Encounter explored in the Sat, Feb 6 workshop. *Wed, Feb 10, 6 p.m., Power Center.*

Master of Arts Interview Choreographer Merce Cunningham is interviewed by Roger Copeland, Professor of Theatre and Dance at Oberlin College, with video clips of Cunningham's work. *Thu, Feb 11, 7 p.m., U-M Dance Building, Betty Pease Studio.*

Computers and Choreography Discussion and demonstration of the LifeForms computer software. Fri, Feb 12, 9 a.m., U-M Media Union, Design Lab 1.

Advanced Technique Master Classes taught by Albert Reed. Ten participant and ten free observer places per class open to the public, with eight classes available. Call 734-763-5460 to register. *Tue, Feb 9-Fri, Feb 12, U-M Dance Building, Studio A.* $

PREP Cunningham Company Archivist David Vaughan leads a video discussion of Cunningham works. *Fri, Feb 12, 7 p.m., Modern Languages Building Lecture Room 1.*

Advanced Technique Master Class taught by Robert Swinston, Call 734-747-8885 to register. *Sat, Feb 13, 10:30 a.m., Dance Gallery/Peter Sparling & Co.* $

Art Class: Drawn to Dance Draw Cunningham Company dancers during a company class and rehearsal. Call 734-994-8004 x101 for information and registration, or register at the Ann Arbor Art Center. *Sat, Feb 13, 11 a.m., Power Center.* $

Study Day and Open Rehearsal Cunningham Company Archivist David Vaughan leads discussions of Cunningham and his collaborators' works at an open rehearsal. Call 734-647-6712 for information and registration. *Sat, Feb 13, 1 p.m., Power Center.*

Meet the Artists Post-performance dialogue from the stage. *Fri, Feb 12.*

PREP Cunningham Company Archivist David Vaughan leads a video discussion of Cunningham works. *Sat, Feb 13, 7 p.m., MI League Hussey Room.*

Meryl Tankard Australian Dance Theatre

Dance Theatre Lecture/ Demonstration by Meryl Tankard. *Wed, Feb 17, 2:45 p.m., U-M Dance Building, Studio A.*

Dance Theatre Master Classes Ten participant and ten free observer places per class open to the public. Call 734-763-5460 to register. *Thu, Feb 18, 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., U-M Dance Building, Studio A.* $

PREP Video talk of Meryl Tankard's choreography. *Fri, Feb 19, 7 p.m., MI League Hussey Room.*

PREP Video talk of Meryl Tankard's choreography. *Sat, Feb 20, 7 p.m., MI League Koessler Library.*

Meet the Artists Post-performance dialogue from the stage after each performance.

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Hale Auditorium, Hill at Tappan. Free. 763–8155.

★**"Turning the Microscope Around: Environmental Links to Breast Cancer": U-M Women's Studies Program/Institute for Research on Women and Gender.** Lecture by Breast Cancer Fund executive director **Andrea Martin.** *4 p.m., Michigan Union Kuenzel Room. Free. 647–0774.*

★**Drawings of Jim Johnston: Michigan Guild Gallery.** Opening reception for this premiere exhibit of comic and dour, obscure yet inviting drawings by Macomb Community College art history professor Jim Johnston, an EMU grad. This self-styled "medieval surrealist," now age 61, has never before exhibited his work, showing it only to family and friends. The 24 drawings blend many influences, including surrealism, ancient and medieval art, and Flemish masters such as Brueghel. Musical instruments in the drawings show the artist's love of classical music and jazz, and sprinklings of German reflect his travel in Europe. *6–8 p.m., Michigan Guild, 118 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 662–3382.*

★**"Breast-Feeding": Bradley Method of Natural Childbirth "Early Bird" Class.** All expectant parents invited. *7–9 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1416 Hill St. Free. 475–0022, 426–2151.*

Open Meeting: Washtenaw Chess Club. *Every Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday.* All invited to play chess with their peers. Chess sets & clocks provided. *7–11 p.m., Chess Express, 220 S. Main (below Elmo's Supershirts). $3 (first-time visitors, free). 665–0612.*

★**Weekly Meeting: Huron Valley Toastmasters.** *Every Monday.* Members give speeches and are critiqued by their audience. A good opportunity to develop confidence in speaking publicly. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by dinner in the U-M Hospital cafeteria. *Note*: Different Toastmasters chapters meet every Wednesday & Thursday (see listings). *7–9 p.m., U-M Main Hospital cafeteria, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free to visitors. Dues: $48 a year (after a onetime nonrefundable fee of $16). 663–1836.*

★**Weekly Meeting: The Barony of Cynnabar (Society for Creative Anachronism).** *Every Monday.* All invited to join this local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Each meeting features a workshop on re-creating a different aspect of medieval culture, including heraldry, costuming, embroidery, and other crafts. *7 p.m., 1305 Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences Bldg., 1311 Beal, North Campus. Free. For information, call Bill Rayl at 973–8825.*

★**"The Human Genetics Genome Project: Isolation of Disease Genes": U-M Research Club/U-M Women's Research Club.** Talk by U-M human genetics professor Miriam Meisler. Refreshments. All invited. *7 p.m., Rackham East Conference Room (4th floor). Free. 662–8067.*

★**Ann Arbor Go Club.** *Every Monday.* Players of all ages and ability levels invited to play this ancient board game. Go equipment and basic instruction provided. *7–10 p.m. Cafe Felix, 200 S. Main, Free. 663–1675.*

★**Arborough Games Kickoff Meeting: Friends of Arborough.** All invited to help organize the 17th annual Arborough Games in August. Committees forming now to plan this coed athletic festival for youths ages 10–16, which alternates between Ann Arbor and (this year) Peterborough, Ontario. *7 p.m., Ann Arbor Recreation and Education Bldg., 2765 Boardwalk. Free. 971–3965.*

★**Biweekly Meeting: Huron Valley Greens/U-M Student Greens.** *February 1 & 15.* Today's program is a discussion of Greens philosophy. Also this month: Planning meeting (February 15). *7–8:30 p.m., Michigan League location TBA. Free. 663–3555.*

"A Channeling Evening": Crystal Clear Expressions. Nanci Rose Gerler channels spiritual messages from various masters, guides, and angels. *7 p.m., location TBA. $10 donation. Reservations requested. 996–8799.*

Insight Meditation (Vipassana) Sitting Group: Deep Spring Center. *February 1 & 15.* All invited to join a sitting group for meditation focusing on the breath. While the practice stems from the earliest and purest Buddhist teachings, this form of meditation requires no religious beliefs. Bring a cushion to sit on; chairs available. Followed by a group discussion (February 1) and dharma talk (February 15) on **"The Awakened Heart"** by Deep Spring Center guiding teacher Barbara Brodsky, and socializing (both nights). Participants are asked to arrive by 7:15 p.m. Beginning meditation instruction available at 7 p.m. Also, on February 1 only, a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Programs for experienced meditators are held on February 9 & 23. *7:30 p.m., Genesis Bldg. (St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth), 2309 Packard. $2.50 to defray cost of using the building; donations accepted for teachers. For information, call Hal at 971–3455.*

Student dancers perform a newly choreographed *An American in Paris* as part of Razzmatazz. At the Power Center, Feb. 4–7. •

★**Weekly Rehearsal: Out Loud Chorus.** *Every Monday.* Beginning to advanced singers invited to join this chorus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Memorial Christian Church, 730 Tappan. Free. 973–6084.*

Weekly Meeting: Dream Group. *Every Monday.* All invited to discuss their dreams from a Jungian perspective. Discussion facilitator is local social worker Rebecca Mullen. *7:30 p.m., location TBA. $5 donation. 662–5925.*

★**Monthly Large Ensemble Meeting: Ann Arbor Recorder Society.** All beginning and advanced players of the recorder and other early instruments invited. Music and stands provided. Also, the group holds its monthly small ensemble (5–10 players) meeting on February 15. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Forsythe Middle School choir room, 1655 Newport Rd. at Sunset. Free to first-time visitors ($30 annual dues). 665–5758.*

★**"Monday Evenings with Stephen McLean": LifeTouch Healing Community.** *February 1 & 15.* A series of talks by this local chiropractor. Tonight: **"The Relationship of Posture and Consciousness."** Also this month, **"Psychoneuroimmunology: States of Consciousness and Their Relationship to Immune Function"** (February 15). *8 p.m., LifeTouch Chiropractic, 1210 N. Maple Rd. at Miller. Free, but reservations requested. 668–6110.*

"Jewish Ecology and Mysticism: A Tu B'Shevat Seder": U-M Secular Humanist Jews (Hillel). A modern ceremony celebrating the Jewish festival of the trees, with exploration of Kabbalah traditions, ancient tree mythology, and contemporary environmental and ecological work. Donations benefit the Ecology Center. *8 p.m., Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Free. For information, call Ben Biber at 741–9005.*

FILMS

FV. History of World Cinema Series. "The Rules of the Game" (Jean Renoir, 1939). Sublime comedy-drama contrasting the love affairs of aristocrats and servants during a weekend in the country. Mich., 4:10 p.m. **MTF. "The Cruise"** (Bennett Miller, 1998). *February 1 & 2.* Harshly magnificent whirlwind tour of New York and the mind of an irascible, quirky crank who can't stop talking, Timothy "Speed" Levitch. Mich., 7 p.m. **"Marius and Jeannette"** (Robert Guediguian, 1996). Scrappy yet tenderhearted film about love blossoming unexpectedly between a desperately poor single mother and the security guard who arrests her for theft. French, subtitles. Mich., 8:45 p.m.

2 TUESDAY

★**Learn, Taste, and Share: St. Joseph Mercy Health System.** Diabetes nutrition program led by dietitians. Includes hands-on cooking demos, meals, supermarket tours, games, and prizes. *10 a.m.–noon, Ypsilanti Senior Recreation Center, 1015 Congress at Oakwood (take Washtenaw to Oakwood, turn right). Free. 712–5400.*

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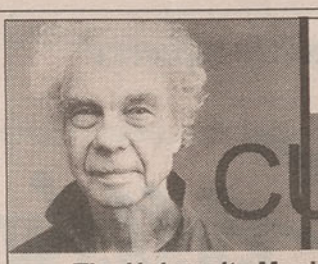

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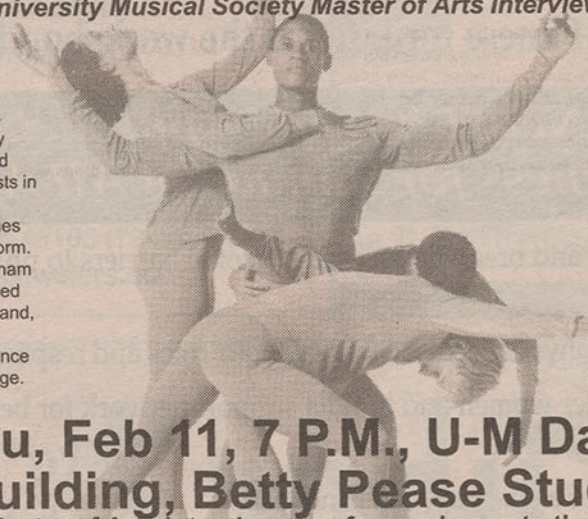
The University Musical Society Master of Arts Interview Series

The University Musical Society Master of Arts Interview Series is an opportunity to showcase and engage our artists in academic, yet informal dialogues about their art form. Merce Cunningham will be interviewed by Roger Copeland, Professor of Theater and Dance at Oberlin College.



Cunningham's innovative collaborations with modern composers and visual artists-Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns, Andy Warhol, John Cage-have pushed the envelope in exploring the possibilities for expression locked in the human body.

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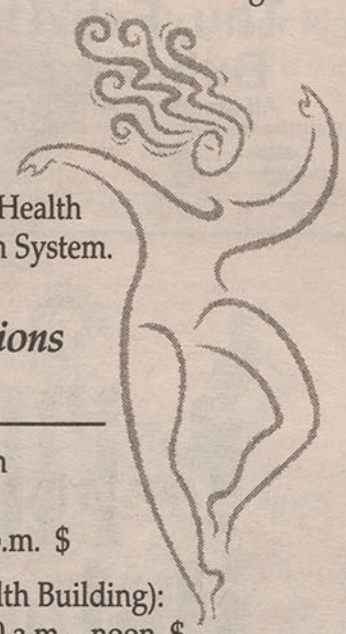

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★**Winter Foot Care Lunch and Learn: St. Joseph Mercy Health System.** Join health experts for a light lunch and tips on protecting your feet and legs during the winter. *11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. St. Joseph Senior Health Bldg, 5301 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 425–6240.*

★**"Brown Bag Lecture": U-M Center for Chinese Studies.** *Every Tuesday.* Talks by U-M and visiting scholars. Bring a bag lunch; cookies & coffee served. Today: Kalamazoo College history professor Brian Dott discusses **"Mount Tai as Manchu Sacred Place: The Kangxi and Qialong Emperors' Pilgrimages."** Also this month: U-M linguistics professor San Duanmu discusses **"Developing Software for Teaching Chinese Pronunciation"** (February 9), U-M public health professor Ruth Simmons discusses **"Assessing a Quality of Care Experiment in China"** (February 16), U-M nursing professor Deborah Oakley and U-M nursing school research scientist Mei-yu Yu discuss **"International Learning Programs with China"** (February 23). *Noon–1 p.m., 1636 School of Social Work Bldg., 1080 South University. Free. 764–6308.*

★**"Brown Bag Lecture": U-M Institute for the Humanities.** *Every Tuesday.* Talks by U-M and visiting scholars. Bring a bag lunch. Today: U-M art history grad student Leela Aditi Wood discusses **"Visual and Verbal Narrating in the Classical Indian Tradition."** Also this month: U-M art & design professor Loretta Staples discusses **"Digital Form in Contemporary Design"** (February 9), U-M art history professor Celeste Brusati discusses **"Authorized Counterfeits?: Negotiating the Values of Trompe l'Oeil in 17th-Century Still Life Painting"** (February 16), and U-M art history professor Stephen Campbell discusses **"Mannerist Bodies: Fantastic Anatomy and the Decomposition of Art, 1500–1540"** (February 23). *Noon, 1524 Rackham. Free. 936–3518.*

★**"International Forum Tuesday Lunch": U-M Ecumenical Campus Center/Church Women United.** *Every Tuesday.* Talks on various international topics. Buffet lunch available ($3; students, $1). Today: U-M natural resources and environmental education grad Martha Kirpes discusses **"All's Not Well: Water Issues in India."** Also this month: U-M Residential College Spanish lecturer Eliana Moya-Raggio discusses **"Chile Revisited: 25 Years After the Military Coup"** (February 9), U-M Business School grad student Aravind Srinivasan discusses **"The Crisis of Indian Health Care & Eye Care"** (February 16), and U-M public health grad student Amy Pickard discusses **"A Student's Study of Malaria in the Peruvian Amazon"** (February 23). *Noon, U-M International Center, 603 E. Madison. Free. 662–5529.*

★**Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center.** *Every Tuesday.* Activities feature a meeting of the **ABC Quilters** (1–3 p.m.), a quilt-making party to make quilts for HIV-infected babies. Also, mahjongg. All invited. *1–3 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Newcomers Coterie Club of Ann Arbor.** A representative from Smiling Cat Teas (Kerrytown) hosts a **Valentine Tea Party.** Preceded at 12:30 p.m. by coffee. *1 p.m., Ann Arbor Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations required. 663–3651.*

★**Drop-In Storytimes: Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday.* Stories, songs, and finger plays for preschoolers age 3 and up. An adult must be present in the library but need not attend. This week's topic: **"Sheep."** Also this month: **"Be My Valentine"** (February 9–11), **"Mice Are Nice"** (February 16–18), and **"Imagination"** (February 23–25). *2–2:30 p.m. (Tuesdays), 6:30–7 p.m. (Wednesdays), & 9:30–10 a.m. (Thursdays), Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Birth of the Doric Order": Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.** Lecture on the oldest Greek architectural style by University of Notre Dame archaeology professor Robin Rhodes. Reception follows. *4:30 p.m., Tappan Hall, room 180, 519 S. University St. Free. 764–9304.*

★**Chime Concert: Kerrytown Shops.** *Every Tuesday and Friday.* Join chimemaster Judy Ogden for a 30-minute concert on Kerrytown's tower of 17 bells, connected to wooden handles on the ground that are played by the musician. *6 p.m. (Tuesdays) & noon (Fridays), Kerrytown. Free. 662–5008.*

★**"String Figure Fun": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local string figure artist Marcia Gaynor shows how to make a cat's cradle and other string figures. For kids age 8 & older. *6:30–7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library youth department (1st floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 327–8301.*

★**"Awareness Through Movement: The Feldenkrais Method": Movement Learning Systems.** *Every Tuesday and Saturday.* Local Feldenkrais practitioner Jesse Nichols introduces this technique for accessing the sensory motor system in order to create more efficient movement patterns. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. *7 p.m. (Tuesdays) & 10 a.m. (Saturdays), Ann Arbor Movement Learning Center, 3610 W. Liberty. Free. 913–1072.*

★**Track Workout: Ann Arbor Track Club.** *Every Tuesday.* Runners (and walkers) of all ages and abilities welcome. Now in their 24th year, the Track Club's workouts are a popular means for runners to train and be timed at various distances. *7 p.m., U-M Track & Tennis Bldg., Hoover at S. State. Free. 663–9740.*

★**Weekly Rehearsal: Sweet Adelines County Connection.** *Every Tuesday.* All women invited to drop in and listen to or participate in the weekly rehearsals of this local 30-member barbershop harmony chorus. *7–10:30 p.m., UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti. Free to first-time visitors ($18 monthly dues for those who join). 995–4110.*

★**Weekly Rehearsal: Huron Valley Harmonizers Chapter of SPEBSQSA.** *Every Tuesday.* All male singers invited to attend the weekly rehearsals of this local barbershop harmony chorus. Visitors welcome. *7:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium. Free to first-time visitors ($70 annual dues for those who join). Newcomers should call in advance for instructions. For information, call John Hancock at 769–8169.*

★**Biweekly Meeting: Washtenaw Ski Touring Club.** *February 2 & 16.* All invited to learn about the ski club's various excursions and social events. *7:30 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 662–SKIS.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Smocking Group.** Informal "sit 'n' stitch" gathering for those interested in smocking, the English art of embroidering by gathering cloth in regularly spaced round tucks, and heirloom sewing. All invited. *7:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. 663–7867.*

★**Biweekly Meeting: Ann Arbor Camera Club.** *February 2 & 16.* Tonight: **"5 Minutes on Shooting Tricks,"** a series of quick tips on taking photographs by club members. Also tonight, club members show their recent slides. Also this month: Nationally known local photographer Howard Bond discusses **"Making Sharper Photographs,"** and club members show their recent prints (February 16). *7:30 p.m., Forsythe Middle School, room 310, 1655 Newport Rd. at Sunset. Free ($10 annual dues for those who join). 663–3763, 665–6597.*

★**"How Working with Herbs Can Reduce Your Stress": People's Food Co-op Herbal Wisdom Series.** Talk by local holistic health practitioner Linda Feldt. *7:30–9:30 p.m., People's Food Co-op, 216 N. Fourth Ave. Free. Preregistration required. 769–0095.*

★**Monthly Meeting: U-M Science Research Club.** U-M atmospheric, oceanic, and space sciences professor and PROPHET director Mary Anne Carroll discusses **"PROPHET's Measurements at the U-M Biological Station: Goals & Preliminary Results."** PROPHET is an acronym for Program of Research in Oxidants: Photochemistry, Emissions, and Transport. Refreshments. *7:30–10 p.m., G-390 Dental Bldg., 1011 North University. (Entrance is from 3rd level of the Fletcher St. parking structure.) Free. 763–2566, 761–4320.*

★**"A Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life": Jewel Heart Buddhist Center.** *Every Tuesday.* Talk by Gelek Rinpoche, an incarnate lama from Tibet who currently lives in Ann Arbor. Occasionally, the talk is given by Rinpoche's longtime student Aura Glaser (former owner of Crazy Wisdom Bookstore) or a visiting guest speaker. *7:30 p.m., Jewel Heart Buddhist Center, 211 E. Ann. Free, but donations are accepted. 994–3387.*

★**German Speakers' Round Table.** *Every Tuesday.* All German speakers invited to join for conversation in a relaxed atmosphere. *7:30 p.m., Ashley's Pub, 338 S. State. Free admission. 485–4204.*

★**Weekly Meeting: Ypsilanti Community Band.** *Every Tuesday.* All musicians invited to join this 50-member community band directed by Ken Bowman.

Music & stands provided. Visitors welcome. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard Rd. at Hewitt. Free. 485–4048, 482–7670.*

Swing Dance Jam. *Every Tuesday.* Swing dancing, including the jitterbug, the lindy hop, and other styles, to recorded music at an informal dance on a wooden dance floor. No formal instruction, but experienced dancers are usually willing to share different moves. Beginners welcome; no partner necessary. *7:30–9:30 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver Rd. (off Nixon Rd.). $2. 973–2654.*

Altan: The Ark. This quintet from County Donegal in northwestern Ireland performs traditional Irish music in a style that blends the melodic sweetness of Irish tunes with the power and drive of Scottish music. Led by fiddler and vocalist Mairead Ni Mhaoaigh, who sings in Gaelic and English, bouzouki player Ciaran Curran, guitarist Daithi Sproule, fiddler Ciaran Tourish, and accordionist Dermot Byrne. The *Chicago Tribune* calls Altan "the most influential traditional group to emerge from Ireland since the seminal Bothy Band." *7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $15 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and (beginning two weeks before the show) at SKR Pop & Rock and Herb David Guitar Studio; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

★Ann Arbor Juggling Arts Club. *Every Tuesday.* All invited to practice their juggling skills. Beginners welcome. *8–10 p.m., location TBA. Free. 913–5831.*

Drachen Birch: Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. Reading by this Kalamazoo poet, a member of Kalamazoo's 1998 National Slam team. Birch's reading is preceded by open mike readings, which usually draw an engaging variety of accomplished poets and entertaining monologists in verse, and a "poetry slam," in which poets read one of their works in each round of a tournament-style competition for a $10 prize and the heady adrenaline rush that accompanies victory. The evening concludes with a second open mike session following the featured reading. *8–11 p.m., Club Heidelberg (above the Heidelberg restaurant), 215 N. Main. $3. For information, call Larry Francis at 426–3451.*

★Greg Hollingshead: Shaman Drum Bookshop. This award-winning Canadian fiction writer reads from *The Healer,* his new novel about a journalist, grieving over the recent loss of his wife, who visits a northern Ontario mining town to research a story on a young woman with remarkable healing powers. Following the reading, Hollingshead signs copies of his books. Refreshments. *8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers. *Every Tuesday.* Ballroom dancing to live music by Detroit-area bands. All singles invited; married couples also welcome. Refreshments. Preceded at 7 p.m. by a dance class ($3). Dress code observed. *8:30–11:30 p.m., Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium. $5 (members, $4). 971–2015.*

Latin Dancing: Michigan Union Program Board. Dancing to Latin music played by a DJ. Preceded by beginning (7:30–8:30 p.m.) and intermediate (8:30–9:30 p.m.) dance lessons. *Note:* People not affiliated with the U-M are not admitted to the Michigan Union after 9 p.m., but if you arrive before 9 p.m., you may remain through the end of the evening. *9:30–midnight, U-Club, Michigan Union. $2 at the door. 763–5750.*

FILMS

FV. Alien Eye Series. "Stroszek" (Werner Herzog, 1977). Tragicomic, ultimately bitter story of a Berlin street singer and former mental patient's hopeful trip with outcast friends to America. FREE. Mich., 7 p.m. **HILL. "Cast a Giant Shadow"** (Melville Shavelson, 1966). Drama about Israeli Army general Mickey Marcus and his efforts to build a military force in the fledgling state of Israel. Kirk Douglas, John Wayne, Yul Brynner. FREE. Hillel, 8 p.m. **MTF. "The Cruise"** (Bennett Miller, 1998). See 1 Monday. Mich., 9:15 p.m.

3 WEDNESDAY

★"Library On-Line Catalog": Ann Arbor District Library. Library staffers offer a hands-on introduction on how to use the library's electronic catalog, which can be accessed in the library or remotely, through the library website (www.aadl.org). *8:30 a.m., Ann Arbor District Library West Branch, Westgate Shopping Center, 2503 Jackson Ave. Free. Preregistration required. 994–1674.*

★Open House: Ann Arbor Women's City Club. All interested women invited to tour the facilities and learn about classes and other activities offered at the City Club. *10 a.m.–noon, Ann Arbor Women's City Club, 1850 Washtenaw. Free. 662–3279.*

★"Brown Bag Lecture": U-M Center for Russian and East European Studies. *Every Wednesday.*

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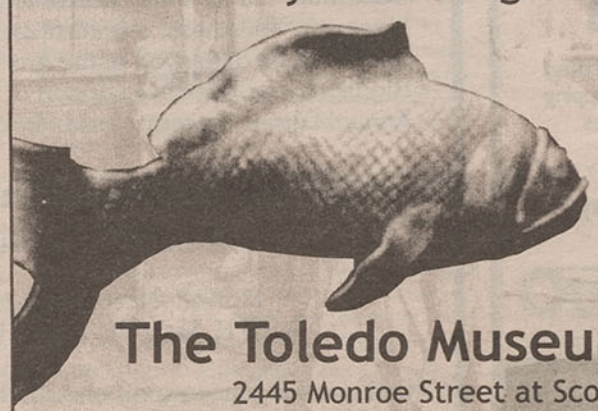

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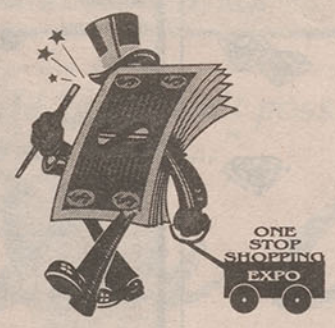

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Talks by U-M and visiting scholars. Bring a bag lunch. Today: WSU Russian lecturer Laura Kline discusses **"The Trauma of Coming Home: Varlam Shalamov's Kolyma Tales."** Also this month: University of Kentucky history professor Daniel Rowland discusses **"Ritual, Art, and Architecture in the Throne Rooms of Muscovy, 1550–1650"** (February 10), Eotvos Lorand University minority studies professor Antal Orkeny discusses **"Social Justice and Normative Legitimacy of the Social Transformation in Postcommunist Europe"** (February 17), and Yerevan (Armenia) State University sociology lecturer Marine Kurkchiyan discusses **"Post-Soviet Marketing of Health Care: The Case of Armenia"** (February 24). *Noon, 1636 U-M School of Social Work Bldg., 1080 South University. Free. 764–0351.*

Wednesday Cooking Class: Kitchen Port. *Every Wednesday.* Cooking demonstrations by local culinary experts. Today: Seva co-owners Maren and Jeff Jackson show how to make some unusual **"Salsas and Dips."** Also this month: Great Harvest Bread Company co-owner Janene Centurione discusses **"Bread Primer and Bread Dishes"** (February 10), Back Alley Gourmet owner Peggy de Parry talks about **"Winter Soups"** (February 17), and West End Grill chef Damon Jacobs and co-owner Roland Pohlman demonstrate **"West End Grill Menu Items"** (February 24). *Noon–1 p.m., Kitchen Port (Kerrytown). $5 includes coffee, taste samples, and recipes. 665–9188.*

★ArtVideos: U-M Museum of Art. *Every Wednesday and Thursday (except February 18).* A series of video documentaries about art and art history. Today and tomorrow: ***Nevelson in Process*** shows sculptor Louise Nevelson creating two new sculptures on-camera. Also this month: ***David Smith: Steel into Sculpture*** (February 10 & 11); ***Running Fence*** depicts the long struggle by Christo to build his enigmatically beautiful 24-mile fabric fence in California (February 17); and ***Life Is Short*** examines art created from materials that don't last (February 24 & 25). *12:10 p.m. (Wednesdays) & 7:30 p.m. (Thursdays), UMMA audiovisual room, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764–0395.*

"Buhrrr Blast": Ann Arbor Parks Department. *Every Wednesday.* A variety of activities for kids. *3:30–5:15 p.m., Buhr Park outdoor ice rink, 2751 Packard Rd. $2.50. 971–3228.*

9th Annual Professional Spelling Bee and Trivia Challenge: HelpSource. Three-member teams from area businesses, school districts, and civic groups battle in an entertaining spelling and trivia contest. Includes dinner, raffle, and silent auction. A benefit for HelpSource's senior programs. *5:30–9 p.m., Washtenaw Community College, Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Spectators $15 (includes dinner). Team entry fees: $150–$450. Reservations required. 994–4224.*

★"And the Beat Goes On": St. Joseph Mercy Health System. *Every Wednesday.* Join health experts for cardiovascular education on a variety of topics. Tonight: **"Understanding Your Medications."** Also this month: **"Managing Your Stress"** (February 10), **"Integrating Exercise Into Your Lifestyle"** (February 17), and **"Cardiovascular Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment"** (February 24). *6–7:30 p.m., Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute, 5301 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 425–6240.*

★Weekly Meeting: Ann Arbor Toastmasters Club. *Every Wednesday.* Members give speeches and are critiqued by their audience. *Note:* Different Toastmasters chapters meet every Monday & Thursday (see listings). *6:15–7:45 p.m., Concordia College Science Bldg., 4090 Geddes Rd. Free to visitors. Dues: $24 semiannually. 995–7351.*

Weekly Meeting: Ann Arbor Bridge Club. *Every Wednesday.* Each two-person team plays two or three hands against a dozen or so other pairs during the evening. Players at all levels welcome. If you plan to come without a partner, call in advance or arrive 20 minutes early to arrange for one. *7–11 p.m., Walden Hills Clubhouse, 2114 Pauline at Maple. (Park on the north side of Pauline.) $3 per person. 971–7530.*

★Transcendental Meditation Introductory Session: Maharishi Vedic School. *Every Wednesday.* Introduction to a simple, natural meditation technique for creativity, happiness, and fulfillment. *7 p.m., 2574 Old Boston Ct. Free. 996–8686.*

★Shamanic Journeys: Magical Education Council. *Every Wednesday.* Using special postures, participants enter a meditative state to the beat of a shaman's drum and discuss their experiences afterward. *7:30 p.m., Inter-Cooperative Council Education Center, 1522 Hill St. (in the carriage house behind the co-op buildings). Free. 665–3522.*

classical music

Peter Soave Plays Piazzolla
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Everybody loves the tangos of Astor Piazzolla. Who can resist the sinuous lurch, the serpentine slide, the velvet sweat, the veiled violence, the mingled scents of flesh and blood? Plus you can dance to it! Well, not *everyone* can dance to it. Like so much music based on dance forms, Piazzolla's tangos are too stylized and too difficult for any but the best dancers to attempt.

Piazzolla's tangos have another problem that often besets music based on dance forms: some of your loftier toffs have a difficult time admitting a tango to the halls of Great Art. The waltz, long disdained as "lewd," faced the same dismissal. The waltz finally made it into the pantheon with a boost from history. It was born in the bourgeois dance halls of postrevolutionary Europe, and when the bourgeois rose to political dominance later in the nineteenth century, they took their favorite dance with them. The origins of the tango in the working-class brothels of Argentina make its ascension to Olympus more problematic, at least until the meek actually do inherit the earth.

None of this reduces the intrinsic merits of Piazzolla's tangos. His music has all the hallmarks of art music: memorable melodies, haunting harmonies, and fascinating rhythms —and it encompasses the entire emotional spectrum. Take his *Five Tango Sensations*. The music expresses everything from love to lust to despair to rage to violence, and all of them pulse to a tango beat even I could almost dance to.

If you want to hear the *Tango Sensations* performed live by a musician intimately familiar with the piece, go to the Kerrytown Concert House on February 6, where Peter Soave, with the help of a Detroit string quartet, will perform this and other Piazzolla works. A frequent KCH visitor, whose annual Parisian Soirées never fail to delight, Soave has spent the past year playing Piazzolla on his bandoneon, a square accordion, with symphony orchestras across the country. Whether you regard Piazzolla's tangos as High Art or merely Great Dance Music, you'll find Soave's performance highly entertaining. —*Jim Leonard*

★**Channeled Spiritual Discussion Group: Deep Spring Center.** *February 3, 10, & 24.* All invited to share their spiritual and metaphysical questions with others with similar interests. The evening is led by Aaron, a "being of light" channeled by Barbara Brodsky. Aaron offers a talk and answers personal and universal questions. Also, socializing. *7:30 p.m., 3455 Charing Cross Rd. (off Packard just west of US-23). Free, but donations are accepted. 971–3455.*

★**"Christian Science Testimony Meeting": First Church of Christ, Scientist.** *Every Wednesday.* The church's lay reader reads different selections each week from the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy's *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. Followed by testimony of Christian Science healing by congregation members. All invited. *7:30–8:30 p.m., First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1833 Washtenaw. Free. 662–1694.*

★**Ann Arbor Computer Society Monthly Meeting.** Local software consultant Bill Wagner discusses **"Generic Programming: Applying STL Programming Constructs to Everyday Programming Tasks."** *7:30–9:30 p.m., 1200 U-M Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences Bldg., 1301 Beal, North Campus. Free. 668–1982.*

★**Spanish Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** EMU world literature lecturer Pedro SanAntonio leads a discussion (in Spanish) of Isabel Allende's picaresque novel, ***Eva Luna.*** *7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

★**Chitra Banerjee Divakruni: Borders Books and Music.** The bestselling author of *Mistress of Spices* reads from her latest novel, ***Sister of My Heart,*** the story of the passionate, lifelong bond between two cousins born prematurely on the same day. Following the reading, Divakruni signs copies of her books. *7:30 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

★**Biweekly Meeting: Scandinavian Folk Music Group.** *February 3 & 17.* All musicians invited to join this group to perform Scandinavian folk tunes. The group is led by fiddler Bruce Sagan, who always teaches some new tunes and stylings at each meeting. Newcomers welcome. *8 p.m., 2005 Penncraft Ct. (off Doty from Dexter Ave.). Free. 327–3636.*

★**"Introduction to Steiner's Thought": Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor.** *Every Wednesday.* All invited to discuss Rudolf Steiner's basic anthroposophical book, *Knowledge of Higher Worlds and Its Attainment. 8–9:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes Ave. Free. 764–0120.*

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. *Every Wednesday through Sunday through March 20.* Guy Sanville directs U-M theater professor Wendy Hammond's new drama that follows a couple through 40 years of marriage. From their early romance in Utah during WWII through the seasoned partnership forged through the decades, the couple's relationship is shaped by political events and reflects the changing world around them. Stars Michelle Mountain and Jim Porterfield. *8 p.m., Garage Theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. February 3 & 4 preview tickets: $15. February 5: $30. After February 5: $20 (Wed., Thurs., & Sun.) and $25 (Fri. & Sat.) in advance and at the door. To charge by phone, call 475–7902.*

★**Weekly Meeting: Shorinji Kempo.** *Every Wednesday.* All invited to try this Japanese self-defense system, which combines hard and soft techniques with Zen philosophy. Club members also meet weekly for noncompetitive practice. *8:30–10:30 p.m., Dance Gallery Studio, 111 Third St. at W. Huron. Free to first-time visitors ($25 monthly dues). 332–1780.*

Swing Dancing: Michigan Union Program Board. Dancing to swing music played by a DJ. Preceded by beginning (7:30–8:30 p.m.) and intermediate dance lessons. *Note:* People not affiliated with the U-M are not admitted to the Michigan Union after 9 p.m., but if you arrive before 9 p.m., you may remain through the end of the evening. *9:30–midnight, U-Club, Michigan Union. $2 at the door. 763–5750.*

FILMS

U-M College of Engineering 7th Annual MLK Film Series. "Driving Miss Daisy" (Bruce Beresford, 1989). Beguiling tale of the "odd couple" friendship between an elderly Southern lady and her black chauffeur. Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman. FREE. Chrysler, 7 p.m. **"Born on the Fourth of July"** (Oliver Stone, 1989). Stunning vision of war and its aftermath based on the true story of a paraplegic Vietnam vet who becomes an antiwar activist. Tom Cruise. FREE. Chrysler, 7 p.m. **"Barfly"** (Barbet Schroeder, 1987). A writer corrodes his talents with alcohol in this treatment of Charles Bukowski's semiautobiographical screenplay. Mickey Rourke, Faye Dunaway. FREE. Chrysler, 7 p.m. **"Mississippi Masala"** (Mira Nair, 1992). An interracial romance ignites a quiet Mississippi town. Denzel Washington. FREE. Chrysler, 7 p.m.

4 THURSDAY

★**Monthly Meetings: La Leche League of Ann Arbor.** *February 4, 10, & 17.* All nursing mothers invited to learn about the benefits of breast-feeding. *10 a.m. (February 4 & 17) & 7:30 p.m. (February 10), locations TBA. Free. 332–9080.*

★**"The Mind-Body-Spirit Connection: Healing Ourselves, Healing Our World."** *Every Thursday.* All women invited to join this interfaith women's group for discussions. *10 a.m.–noon, location TBA. Free. For location and information, call Sandra LaRoe at 995–2429.*

★**Thursday Lunch Bunch: Jewish Community Center.** *Every Thursday.* A weekly program of activities primarily for seniors. The program begins at 10 a.m. with **"Adults at Leisure Coffee Hour,"** a social support discussion group led by local social worker Phyllis Herzig that offers a chance to socialize, listen to music, tell jokes, and relax. At 11 a.m., an educational or cultural presentation. This week: Local artist Sarah Campbell discusses **"Nourishing Inner Resources Through Color Exploration."** Also this month: Ann Arbor Transportation Authority community relations manager Liz Margolis discusses **"AATS Services for Seniors"** (February 11), retired teacher Maria Geddes discusses her family history in a talk entitled **"How Did Geddes Road/Avenue Get Its Name?"** (February 18), and Enid Galler discusses **"Oral Interviews of Older Family Members"** (February 25). At noon, a homemade dairy lunch ($3 with reservation, $4 without reservation and for nonseniors). At 1 p.m., **Current Events,** a discussion group led by nonagenarian Ben Bagdade. The weekly program concludes with **Senior Literary Group** (2–3 p.m.), a book discussion group led by U-M Dearborn English professor emeritus Sidney Warschausky. All invited. *10 a.m.–3 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

"Introduction to Computers": Ann Arbor District Library. *February 4 & 18.* A hands-on introduction to computers, with an emphasis on such basic skills as using a mouse, opening and closing an application, formatting, saving to a disk, printing, and more. Open to all AADL cardholders. *10 a.m. (February 4) & 7 p.m. (February 18), Ann Arbor District Library training center (3rd floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. $5. Preregistration required. 327–4550.*

★**Wee Ones Storytimes: Magic Carpet Books & Wonders.** *Every Thursday & Saturday.* A half hour of stories and fun for kids ages 2–4 accompanied by a parent. *11 a.m., Magic Carpet, Lamp Post Plaza, 2345 E. Stadium. Free. 973–8757.*

★**"Children's Story Time": Barnes & Noble.** *Every Thursday.* Barnes & Noble staffers present storytelling programs and craft activities for kids ages 2–9. Today: Sara Weeks's ***Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash.*** Also this month: **Valentine's Day Stories** (February 11), **African Stories** (February 18), and **Size, Color, & Number Stories** (February 25). *11 a.m. & 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

★**Weekly Meeting: Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North.** *Thursday.* Speakers and topics TBA. All invited. Lunch available (usually $8). *Noon–1:30 p.m., Holiday Inn North Campus, 3600 Plymouth Rd. Free. 662–5599.*

Thursday Forum: First Presbyterian Church. *Every Thursday.* Today: John Haas discusses **"History of the Dixboro Church."** Also this month: Former WUOM *Jazz Revisited* host Hazen Schumacher discusses **"Frank Sinatra, the Legend"** (February 11), Ray Fullerton discusses his **"1997 World Cruise"** (February 18), and a program TBA (February 25). All invited. *Noon–1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church social hall, 1432 Washtenaw. $3.50 (includes buffet lunch). 662–4466.*

Thursday Noon Luncheon Club: First United Methodist Church. *Every Thursday.* All invited to a weekly lunch with a speaker TBA. *Noon–1:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, State St. at Huron. $4. 998–4798.*

★**Winter Lecture Series: U-M Center for Japanese Studies.** *Every Thursday.* Today, U-M art professor Sadahi Inuzuka discusses **"Contradictions in Harmony: Traditional and Avant-Garde Ceramics."** Also this month, a talk by U-M economics grad student Rodney Wallace (February 18). February 11 & 25 programs TBA. *Noon, 1636 School of Social Work Bldg., 1080 South University. Free. 764–6307.*

★**Gifts of Art: U-M Hospitals.** *Every Thursday.* A series of performances by area musicians. Today: classical music by U-M music students TBA. Also this month: four-hand piano by **Naomi Donaldson** and **Betsy Kincaid** (February 11), jazz and country by guitarist **Alex Anest** and bassist **Dan McNaughton** (February 18), and the jazz trio **Jazz Ele-**

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gance (February 25). *12:10 p.m., University Hospital 1st-floor lobby, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free. 936–ARTS.*

★**"Access Soapbox": Ann Arbor Community Television Network.** *Thursday.* A chance to express your views, discuss your activities, or announce upcoming events on the local public access station (cable channel 9). Participants are free to talk about anything they wish within CTN guidelines: no direct solicitation of funds, no lottery information, and no material that is obscene, defamatory, invasive of personal privacy, or infringing on copyrights or trademarks. Limited to 5 minutes, each segment features one or two speakers (with no more than two graphics) who talk directly to the camera. Production crew provided by CTN. *Access Soapbox* shows are aired daily for one week, beginning on Sunday. *2–7 p.m., CTN studio, Edison Center, Suite LL114, 425 S. Main. Free. Reservations accepted Tuesday through Friday of the week preceding your appearance. 769–7422.*

★**"Fiddler On The Move: Studying the Klezmer World." U-M School of Music.** Lecture by Wesleyan University ethnomusicology professor Mark Slobin. *4 p.m., Rackham West Conference Room. Free. 764–0594.*

★**"On Listening to Holocaust Survivors": Shaman Drum Bookshop Publication Party.** Local clinical psychologist Henry Greenspan discusses and signs copies of his recently published study based on his interviews and re-interviews of a group of Holocaust survivors over 20 years. Refreshments. *4–6 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

★**"Quartet for the End of Time": EMU Music Department.** Performance of Olivier Messiaen's grandly severe masterpiece by an EMU faculty ensemble that includes clarinetist Kimberly Cole, violinist Daniel Foster, cellist Diane Winder, and pianist Garik Pedersen. The program begins with a talk on the spiritual meanings of Messiaen's work. *4 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.*

★**"Perspectives Forum": First Baptist Church.** *Every Thursday.* This family program includes a family meal (5:50 p.m.) and a guest speaker (6:45 p.m.), with age-appropriate activities for infants and kids. This month's speakers TBA. All invited. *5:50–7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. The meal is $5 (kids, free); reservations required. The post-dinner programs are free. 663–9376.*

★**Auditions: Young Actors Guild.** Youngsters in grades 3–6 invited to try out for a spring production of *The Magic Cave of Ali Baba* (6–7:30 p.m.). Kids in grades 5–8 can try out for *The Odyssey* (6:30–8 p.m.). Also, 8th graders through young adults can audition for *The Taming of the Shrew* on February 18 (6–8 p.m.). *6–8 p.m., Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett. Free. 930–1614.*

Thursday Cooking Class: Kitchen Port. *Every Thursday.* Cooking demonstrations by local culinary experts. Tonight: Zingerman's Bakehouse pastry chef Carol Calder Deinzer demonstrates **"Valentine-Inspired Desserts."** Also, local chef and cookbook author Christine Liu shows how to make a **"Traditional Chinese New Year Dinner"** (February 11), local judge John Kirkendall discusses **"Feasts on the Internet"** (February 18), and Bella Ciao chef Christian Reising prepares a **"Four-Course Italian Dinner"** (February 25). *6:30–8:30 p.m., Kitchen Port (Kerrytown). $7 includes recipes, taste samples, and coffee. 665–9188.*

★**"Women and Heart Disease: It's Not Just Physical": St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.** Talk by cardiologist Barbara Kong. *7–9 p.m., Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute, 5333 McAuley Dr. Free. Preregistration required. (800) 231–2211.*

Weekly Meeting: Washtenaw Toastmasters. *Every Thursday.* Members develop public-speaking skills in a supportive environment. A good opportunity to develop confidence in speaking publicly. *Note*: Different Toastmasters chapters meet Mondays and Wednesdays (see listings). *7–9 p.m., 777 Bldg. dining room, 777 E. Eisenhower at S. State. Free to visitors. Dues: $24 a year (after a onetime nonrefundable fee of $16). 572–9978.*

★**Bimonthly Meeting: Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge.** *February 4 & 18.* Networking meetings for women who have interrupted their careers to care for their children. Tonight: discussion of **"Keeping Your Marriage Strong and Fun."** Also this month, **"What I Want to Be When My Kids Grow Up."** *7–9 p.m., Genesis Foundation (Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare's Episcopal Church), 2309 Packard. Free. 763–8714, 913–2455.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Community Action on Substance Abuse.** All invited to help plan substance-abuse prevention activities with this local grassroots volunteer group. *7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church Curtis Room, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 995–3782, 973–7892.*

★**"Sexuality and Spirituality: Exploring the Connections": Guild House Campus Ministry.** *Every Thursday.* Discussion group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender folks. *7–8 p.m., 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free. 662–5189.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Jaycees.** All people ages 21–39 are invited to join this organization devoted to promoting leadership training, community service, and individual development. Discussion topics TBA. Newcomers welcome. *7:30 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., room 101, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 913–9629.*

★**"Ayn Rand Birthday Party": Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County.** All invited to join local Libertarians for birthday cake and to listen to readings from the writings of objectivist novelist and philosopher Ayn Rand. *7:30 p.m., Michigan Union location TBA. Free. 475–9792.*

Weekly Meeting: Tartan & Thistle Scottish Country Dancers. *Every Thursday.* Instruction for intermediate-level dancers in a wide range of traditional and contemporary Scottish dances, followed by social dancing. Soft-soled shoes recommended. Refreshments. *7:30–9:30 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver Rd. (off Nixon Rd.). $3. 769–4324, 426–0241.*

★**"Oz's Open Mike": Oz's Music.** All musicians invited. Cohosted by local singer-songwriters Lili Fox and Shell. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Oz's Music Environment, 1920 Packard. Free. 662–8283.*

★**Biweekly Meeting: Ann Arbor Ski Club.** *February 4 & 18.* All invited to learn about the ski club's downhill and cross-country ski and snowboarding outings and other social activities. Newcomers welcome. Must be 21 or older. *8 p.m., Schwaben Halle, 217 S. Ashley. Free. 439–1102.*

★**"A Cappella": Michigan League Underground Spotlight Thursdays.** *February 4 & 18.* Performances by U-M student a cappella choruses. Tonight: **Kol Hakavod,** a popular Jewish student group that sings traditional and contemporary Jewish songs, and **Gimble.** *8 p.m., Michigan League Underground. Free. 763–4652.*

"The Rape of Lucretia": U-M School of Music. *February 4 & 6.* David Gordon directs U-M opera students in Benjamin Britten's rarely performed chamber opera based on a legend dating from the dawn of Roman history. Although violated by the king's son, the virtuous Lucretia exacts a revenge that forces cataclysmic political change. Britten's psychologically penetrating music is especially adept at evoking the characterization of an operatic role. *8 p.m., School of Music Bldg. McIntosh Theater, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. $10 (students $5) suggested donation. 930–2776.*

Huun-Huur Tu: Throat Singers of Tuva: Prism Productions. This male vocal ensemble from the tiny Central Asian republic of Tuva performs traditional throat singing, also known as overtone singing. Each singer is able to produce two or three different notes simultaneously, creating an eerie, otherworldly, often startlingly nonhuman sound that is also ravishingly musical. Their repertoire includes traditional songs of nomadic life, usually performed by a solo vocalist and often accompanied on the igil (or horsehead fiddle) and other stringed instruments. Huun-Huur Tu released its debut recording on the Shanachie label, *60 Horses in My Herd.* A huge favorite with local audiences. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $15 in advance at SKR Pop & Rock, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; $18 at the door. To charge by phone, call (810) 645–6666.*

"Razzmatazz!": U-M Dance Company. *February 4–7.* This U-M dance-student company presents an evening of fast-paced, complex dances set to jazz and jazz-inspired music performed by a U-M dance-student company. The program is highlighted by guest choreographer Cliff Keuter's lyrical staging of *An American in Paris*, Gershwin's symphonic poem that incorporates a variety of sonic textures from blues and Charleston rhythms to car horns. Keuter's interpretation differs sharply from the Gene Kelly version seen in the 1957 musical. In Keuter's version, a pretty young American tourist is smitten by a handsome Parisian who, unfortunately, already has a girlfriend. Also, works by U-M dance faculty choreographers **Evelyn Velez-Aguayo, Peter Sparling,** and **Gay Delanghe.** Velez-Aguayo's *Aquarium* is a sparkling piece for 18 dancers who glide and float—some by means of a trapeze—through the waters of a tropical reef. The dance's movement vocabulary draws heavily on traditional yogic poses, and it is set to a live jazz score composed by U-M music professor **Ed Sarath.** Sparling's *The Delirium Waltz,* in-

spired by a recent poem by former U.S. Poet Laureate Mark Strand, is a work for 20 dancers presenting a man's life as a sequence of colorful, dreamlike memories of ballroom encounters. It is set to a live score for farfisa, bass, saxophone, and homemade mechanical instruments by local avant-garde jazz-folk composer **Frank Pahl.** Delanghe's *Passageways,* for 17 women dancers, is a exploration of the the lost journeys and blind alleys of life, set to a score by dance faculty composer **Stephen Rush.** The movement motifs include interactions between dancers and 3-foot Minoan-styled puppets in a maze, interactions between dancers and audiovisual images triggered by an interactive dance floor, and a celebration of the ancient religious tradition of labyrinth dancing that composer Rush describes as "euphoric, textured, hallucinogenic, layered, and cathartic." *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $14 & $18 (students, $7) in advance at the Michigan League Box Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–0450.*

★**"Split": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** *February 4–6.* Jeff Steger directs fellow U-M students in Michael Weller's play about a seemingly happily married couple whose marriage suddenly reaches a crisis when they are hosting a dinner party. *Evening time TBA, Arena Stage (Frieze Bldg. basement), 105 S. State St. Free. 764–6800.*

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. *February 4–7, 11–14, 18–21, & 25–27.* Malcolm Tulip directs Steven Dietz's comedy of lies, a hilarious, relentlessly truthful play about a man who suspects his wife of having an affair with the director of a play in which they are both acting. The characters are caught up in widening circles of deception that take in the audience as well. Cast: Terry Heck, John Neville-Andrews, Steven Angus, Peggy Johns-Campbell, and Charlotte Leisinger. *8 p.m., Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Tickets $15 (students & seniors, $12; Thursdays, whatever you can afford to pay) in advance, by reservation, and at the door. For reservations, call 663–0681; to charge by phone, call 663–0696.*

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

Leo DuFour: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. *February 4–6.* One of Canada's top stand-up comics, DuFour is an observational humorist whose monologues are known for their off-the-wall whimsicality, antic theatricality, and twisted topical humor. Preceded by two opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. $8 (Thursday) & $10 (Friday & Saturday) in advance and at the door. Group rates and other discounts available. 996–9080.*

FILMS

U-CLUB. "Groundhog Day" (Harold Ramis, 1993). Clever comedy-fantasy about a smug weatherman condemned to relive the same day for an apparent eternity. Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell. FREE, but people not affiliated with the U-M must arrive before 9 p.m. Michigan Union, 9 p.m.

5 FRIDAY

73rd Annual Kiwanis Rummage Sale: Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor-Downtown. *February 5 & 6.* Bargain hunters, antique collectors, and vintage clothing buffs vie intensely for parking and entry to this popular annual event, the biggest of the four annual Kiwanis sales. Includes antiques, clothing, shoes, sporting goods, hardware, appliances, dishes, furniture, books, toys, records, cameras, and more. The sale annually grosses more than $65,000. Proceeds to benefit Kiwanis's numerous local service projects. *9 a.m.–2 p.m., Kiwanis Activities Center, 200 S. First at Washington. Free admission. 665–0450.*

★**"Billiards Party": Northeast Senior Center.** All seniors invited for billiards and socializing. Refreshments. *11 a.m., Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. (off N. Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). Free, but donations accepted. 996–0070.*

★**"Brown Bag Lectures": U-M Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies.** *Every Friday.* Today: U-M anthropology professor Web Keane talks about **"Indonesia, Translation, and the Public Self."** Also this month: U-M women's studies lecturer Saloni Mathur presents **"I've Been to London to Visit the Queen: Indian Natives on Display in Victorian England"** (February 12), U-M law professor Peter Hammer discusses a topic TBA (February 19), and a speaker and topic TBA (February 26). Indonesian lunch ($3.50) available 11:45–12:15 p.m. *Noon, 1664 School of Social Work Bldg., 1080 South University. Free. 764–0352.*

★**"Brown Bag Lecture": U-M Center for Afroamerican and African Studies.** *Every Friday (except February 26).* U-M grad students discuss their research. Today: Aaron Celious talks about **"Reconceptualizing 'Blackness' in the Modern."** Also, Jeannine Bell discusses **"Police Handling of Hate Crimes"** (February 12) and Geoffrey Ward addresses **"Race and Punishment in Juvenile Justice: Historical Trends and the Problem in Michigan"** (February 19). *Noon, CAAS seminar room, 109 West Hall, 550 East University. Free. 764–5513.*

★**"Towards a Definition of Gender-based Censorship": U-M Institute for Research on Women and Gender.** *February 5–7.* Scholars from the U-M, including U-M president **Lee Bollinger,** and 16 other universities as well as media experts participate in a series of lecture-and-discussion sessions aimed at exploring various social forms of censorship which disproportionately affect women. Today: **"Redefining Censorship"** (1 p.m.–3 p.m.), **"Dis-Information: The Case of Reproduction"** (3:30–5:15 p.m.), and **"The Sexual Representation of Children: Trauma or Uncensored Speech"** (7:30–9:30 p.m.). Refreshments. *1–9:30 p.m., Rackham Assembly Hall. Free. 764–9537.*

★**"Herbal Medicine and Regulatory Bodies": U-M Complementary and Alternative Research Center.** Talk by U-M pharmacy professor Roberta Tankanow. *4 p.m., 6311 Medical Science Bldg. I, 1301 Catherine. Free. 998–7664.*

★**Mary Berridge: U-M Residential College/East Quad Art Gallery.** Opening reception for an exhibit of Berridge's photographs from *A Positive Life: Portraits of Women Living with HIV,* a book she cowrote with River Huston. Preceded by a slide-illustrated talk by Berridge on her work (4 p.m., 124 East Quad). *5–7 p.m., East Quad Art Gallery, 701 E. University. Free. 763–0176.*

★**"Opening Expressions": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** This opening reception for an exhibit of African American art kicks off the botanical gardens' month-long festival celebrating the **African American botanical heritage** (see 6 Saturday listing). Live jazz, wine & hors d'oeuvres. *5:30–7:30, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. Reservations required. 998–7061.*

★**Open Card and Board Gaming Night: The Underworld.** *Every Friday.* All invited to play any of the collectible card or board games that the Underworld carries—but you must find your own opponents. *6 p.m.–midnight, The Underworld, 1202 South University. Free. 998–0547.*

★**Firewatch for Imbolc: Druids of Shining Lakes Grove.** All invited to join a traditional pagan ritual, keeping a fire burning in preparation for Imbolc (see 6 Saturday listing). *Dusk to dawn, Botsford Recreational Preserve, 3015 Miller Rd. (just west of M-14 overpass). Free. 487–4931.*

Winter Carnival: American Legion. *February 5–7.* This popular community festival includes 3 days of ice fishing, cross-country skiing, and more winter fun at Cavanaugh Lake. Also, a **euchre tournament** (tonight), a **chili cook-off** and **Monte Carlo night** (Saturday), and a concert of country, blues, and rock by **Fully Loaded** (Sunday). *6 p.m.–1 a.m. (February 5), 7 a.m.–1 a.m. (February 6), & 7 a.m.–1 p.m. (February 7), American Legion Hall, 1700 Ridge Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 to exit 156, go north on Kalmbach, then continue straight on Cavanaugh Lake Rd. to Ridge Rd.). Free admission. 475–1824.*

★**"Moonlight Snowshoe or Hike": Sierra Club.** All invited to join a snowshoe outing or hike through Gallup and surrounding parks. Bring your own snowshoes. *6:30 p.m., meet at City Hall parking lot. Free. 663–9634.*

Dances of Universal Peace (Sufi Dancing). *February 5 & 19.* All invited to join in simple dancing to chants and songs from various spiritual and religious traditions. Beginners welcome. *7–9 p.m., Ann Arbor Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St. $5 requested donation. For information, call Majid at (517) 381–0126 or Siddiq and Majida at 996–1332.*

★**"Roswell: Have You Wondered?": Barnes & Noble.** C. P. Leacock discusses her new book about the evidence of a UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

★**Neil Gaiman: Borders Books and Music.** The author of the beautiful *Sandman* graphic novels reads from and signs copies of ***Stardust,*** his Victorian-era fantasy about a young boy who trespasses into a mysteriously walled, seemingly empty meadow. *7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

U-M Ice Hockey vs. Lake Superior State. *7 p.m., Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State at McKinley. $10–$17. 764–0247.*

Weekly Meeting: U-M Duplicate Bridge Club. *Every Friday.* All invited to play this tournament form of contract bridge in which identical hands are played by every table in order to compare individual

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scores. *7:30 p.m., Michigan Union Tap Room. $2 (students, $1). 996–1433.*

Annual Hometown Concert: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic. *February 5 & 6.* Ancient and modern Scottish music, along with high-energy folk and bluegrass fiddling by this renowned touring ensemble of 26 students led by Saline orchestra director Sam Phillips. They are joined tonight by U-M music school grad and 3-time National Scottish fiddle champion **Bonnie Rideout.** Based in Alexandria, Virginia, Rideout is known as "the piping fiddler" for her theme-and-variation compositions in the style of Scottish pipes. With accomplished folk guitarist Al Petteway. Last year's show sold out quickly. *7:30 p.m., Saline High School Auditorium, 7190 N. Maple Rd., Saline. Tickets $10 (12th graders & younger, $5) by reservation and (if available) at the door. 429–7210.*

"Drum Circle." *Every Friday.* A blend of celebration, exploration, and meditation through drumming, voice, and dance. Beginners welcome. All invited. *8–10 p.m., Gallup Park meeting room (next to the canoe livery), 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). $2 donation.*

First Friday Square and Contra Dance. Dancing to live music by Licketysplit, with local callers John Freeman and John Walker. All dances taught; beginners and older children welcome. No partner necessary. *8–11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). $6 (children, $3) at the door. 665–8405.*

★Bret Easton Ellis: Shaman Drum Bookshop. This New York City novelist reads from ***Glamorama,*** his new novel exploring the netherworld of terrorist politics and paranoia that is masked by the glittery surface of New York's fashion and celebrity scene. Following the reading, Ellis signs copies of his books. Refreshments. *8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

★Teen Night: The Neutral Zone/Ann Arbor Teen Center. *Every Friday and Saturday.* A variety of fun, safe social activities for teens. Tonight: free movies and popcorn. *8 p.m.–midnight, The Neutral Zone, 637 S. Main St. (the old Ark bldg.). Free ($3 admission February 6, 13, 19). 665–7639, 214–9966.*

John E. Lawrence: Lagos Cafe. Jazz concert by this acclaimed acoustic and electric guitarist, a Washtenaw Community College jazz instructor who tonight performs material from his new CD, *Old Smooth,* a collection of 60s, 70s, and 80s standards. He is accompanied by Straight Ahead pianist Eileen Ore, former Newberry Park keyboardist Michael Lewis, bassist Rudolf Washington Jr., and drummer Rudolf Washington III. *8 p.m., Lagos Cafe, 2851 Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Tickets $15 (students, $12; VIP section, $20) in advance and at the door. 482–4100, 482–7993.*

Angel Caravan Coffeehouse: Aurora Borealis Productions/GoodArts Project. *Every Friday.* Performances by local musicians, dancers, and vocalists, with free dessert and other refreshments for sale. Tonight: **Rick Stachura,** a local singer-songwriter with a unique poetic style. *8–9:30 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St. $5 suggested donations. 327–2041.*

Tish Hinojosa and Sara Hickman: The Ark. Double bill featuring two highly regarded singer-songwriters from Austin, Texas. Hinojosa is a Mexican-American country-folk singer-songwriter whose repertoire—in English, Spanish, or both—ranges from country love songs both plaintive and playful to gritty tales about life in Texas border towns to one-of-a-kind pieces like a wonderful song about Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Her latest CD, *Culture Swing,* provoked a *Los Angeles Times* reviewer to conclude that she "doesn't just mix American country and Mexican musical styles but makes the real connection between them clear." Hickman is a gifted folk-flavored pop-rock singer-songwriter known for her poetic lyrics, unusual melodies, and supple, expressive vocals. Her new CD, *Two Kinds of Laughter,* is a collection of what *Billboard* calls "gorgeous, incandescent songs" whose highlights include "Eight," a hauntingly beautiful ballad about the consequences of a magic 8-ball's sour advice, and "Optimistic Fool," an up-tempo rocker in which Hickman's voice ranges from whispers to a throaty, Joplinesque growl. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $15 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and (beginning two weeks before the show) at SKR Pop & Rock and Herb David Guitar Studio; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"Italian Girl in Algiers": EMU Music Department "Opera Nights." *February 5 & 6.* Donald Hartmann directs EMU opera students in Rossini's delightful comic opera known for its sprightly overture and several fine arias. Kevin Miller conducts the EMU Symphony Orchestra. *8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Tickets $8 (students, $5) in advance at the Quirk Theater Box Office and at the door. 487–1221.*

"God": Pioneer High Theater Guild. *February 5 & 6.* Suzanne Willets-Brooks directs Pioneer students in Woody Allen's witty absurdist comedy, a play-within-a-play about a writer and actor trying to produce a play for an Athenian drama festival in ancient times. When they find out that they are only characters within a drama, troubling philosophical questions soon begin to mushroom. *8 p.m., Pioneer High School Schreiber Auditorium, 601 W. Stadium at S. Main. Tickets $5 (students & seniors, $3) at the door only. 994–2191.*

"Razzmatazz": U-M Dance Company. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★"Split": U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 4 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

Leo DuFour: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 4 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

★Karaoke: Michigan Union Program Board. All invited to join other amateur singers for a relaxed session of karaoke. People not affiliated with the U-M must arrive before 9 p.m. *9–10 p.m., Michigan Union. Free. 763–5750.*

"80s & 90s Dance": Parents Without Partners. All divorced, widowed, separated, and never-married parents invited for an evening of dancing and socializing. Recorded music played by a DJ from Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Smoking allowed in designated areas. *9 p.m.–1 a.m., Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. $7 (PWP members, $5). 973–1933.*

Friday Dance Jam: People Dancing Studio. *February 5 & 19.* Dancing to taped music, including worldbeat, funk, rap, R&B, soul, alternative rock 'n' roll, new folk, and pop. Also, occasional live drumming. An alternative to the bar scene for people who love to dance. All are invited to bring cassette tapes and acoustic musical instruments. Smoke-free, no alcohol. Dance barefoot or bring dancing shoes. Come with or without a dance partner; all ages welcome. *10 p.m., People Dancing Studio, 111 Third St. (west entrance between Huron and W. Washington). $3. Wheelchair-accessible. 459–8136, 996–2405.*

FILMS

CCS. "Blush" (Li Shaohong, 1995). Exquisitely filmed melodrama about two ex-prostitutes struggling to find their place in the "New China." Mandarin, subtitles. FREE. Children under 12 not admitted. AH-A, 8 p.m. **M-FLICKS. "Delicatessen"** (Jean-Pierre Jeunet, 1991). Bizarre comedy, disturbing yet fascinating, about cannibalism. French, subtitles. $3. Nat. Sci., 7 & 9 p.m.

6 SATURDAY

★"Winter Bird Hike": Wild Birds Unlimited. Wild Birds Unlimited staffer Glen Williams leads a walk along the outdoor trails at Matthaei Botanical Gardens to look for winter birds and demonstrate some bird-watching basics. *8 a.m., meet at the east end of the parking lot, U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 665–7427.*

★"Towards a Definition of Gender-based Censorship": U-M Institute for Research on Women and Gender. See 5 Friday. Today: **"Hostile Climates: Hateful and Harassing Speech"** (9–10:45 a.m.), **"Censoring Feminism"** (11 a.m.–12:45 p.m.), four talks about **women's studies** (2:15–4:15 p.m.), and **"Countering Censorship"** (7:30–9:15 p.m.). Also, a **book display** at Shaman Drum (11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.). *9 a.m.–9:15 p.m., Rackham Assembly Hall. Free. 764–9537.*

★"Winter Bird Walk": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Hudson Mills naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike through the woods to look for waterfowl on the river and other birds toughing out the Michigan winter. *9 a.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. Free. (Park entry fee: $3 per vehicle.) Preregistration requested. 426–8211.*

★"Winter Democratic Rides": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. *Every Saturday & Sunday.* The assembled riders choose their own pace, distance, and destination. *Note:* Riders should be prepared to take care of themselves on all AABTS rides. Carry a water bottle, a spare tire or tube, a pump, change for a phone call, and snacks. *10 a.m. (Saturdays only) & 1 p.m. (both days), meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 913–9851.*

★Annual Winter Fleece Fair: Spinners' Flock. A

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Phil Woods

The alto saxophone master

Phil Woods is one of the few original modern jazz alto saxophone stylists. I recently put one of his earliest recordings on the turntable and was once again amazed by the consistency of his musical vision over the last four and a half decades. Unlike many alto players, he was never a slavish disciple of Charlie Parker; he acknowledges the influence of the great saxophonist, but from the beginning he had his own way with the horn.

Woods was a well-schooled musician when he came out of Juilliard in 1952 and quickly established himself as one of the finest young players in New York. He played and recorded with everyone, including the big bands of Thelonious Monk and Quincy Jones. Monk's Town Hall concert included a ferocious Woods solo on "Friday the Thirteenth" that remains a classic. Woods has a great affinity for Monk's music; he played in the big band and toured with a sextet led by the great pianist. Many years later, he recorded *Our Monk,* a lovely set of duets with the Italian pianist Franco D'Andrea. In the late 1960s, he moved across the ocean and toured for five years with his European Rhythm Machine. Upon returning to this country, he formed his quartet with Steve Gilmore on bass and Bill Goodwin on drums. They eventually became a quintet, but the core of the group has remained constant for twenty-five years.

Woods is a sophisticated swinger with a quick take in harmony and a driving sense of rhythm. His sense of pulse is particularly vivid on some duet recordings made during the last decade with pianists Jim McNeely, Franco D'Andrea, and Enrico Pieranunzi. Indeed, these are my favorite of Woods's recent recordings. Without drums and bass, one can hear better the hard-edged beauty of his alto saxophone sound and the confident playing with the beat that is so characteristic of his style.

But good as his alto playing is, I must confess that I always wait for the moment when he picks up the clarinet. There are now many excellent avant-garde clarinetists around, but it is still rare to hear mainstream modern jazz played well on this instrument. Bop clarinetists often sound cold and mechanical, but while Woods has great technical agility, he also has a warm, expressive personal tone very much akin to his sound on the alto. I hope he will have both instruments with him when he visits Ann Arbor, for the first time in recent memory, on Saturday, February 6, to play with his quintet at the Ark.

—Piotr Michalowski

chance to stock up on all kinds of rare and unusual yarns and fibers, including llama wool, mohair, angora, silk, cotton, alpaca, and linen. Also, various woven or knitted items and related supplies. Spinning and weaving demonstrations. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Dr., Chelsea. Free admission. 668–1839.*

★**"Bread": U-M Exhibit Museum Discovery Day.** A day of family-oriented hands-on activities exploring the natural history of bread. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, North University at Geddes Ave. Free. 764–0478.*

★**"Photographs by Hana Hamplova": U-M Museum of Art.** Opening of this exhibit of photographs of discarded paper by this Czech artist who was inspired by Bohumil Hrabal's *Too Loud a Solitude,* a tale about a lonely man who collects junked paper and books. These melancholy, elegant photographs evoke both the strength and fragility of paper and the knowledge printed upon it. *10 a.m.–5 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764–0395.*

★**"Campaign Finance Reform in the Michigan Legislature": Gray Panthers of Huron Valley.** *Postponed from January.* Talks by Ann Arbor state senator **Alma Wheeler Smith** and Michigan Citizen Action executive director **Linda Teeter.** Refreshments. *10 a.m.–noon, Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–7530.*

★**1st Annual Dance Marathon: U-M/Children's Miracle Network.** *February 6–7.* 300 U-M students dance to a variety of music to benefit Children's Miracle Network. Also: appearances by U-M football, hockey, and basketball stars, and athletic item **silent auction.** Refreshments available. *10 a.m. Saturday–4 p.m. Sunday, U-M Indoor Track Bldg., Hoover at S. State. Free. 668–2458.*

★**"Arb Walk": Grex.** *Every Saturday.* All invited to join members of this local computer-conferencing group for a walk from Gallup Park through the U-M Arboretum. *10:15 a.m., meet in Gallup Park parking lot, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). Free. 930–6564.*

★**GoodArts: Aurora Borealis Productions.** Detroit area singer-songwriter **Leslie Frederick** performs classic and original folk, with a strong, powerful voice that has been compared to Buffy Sainte-Marie's. Refreshments for sale. *10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Pierces Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., Chelsea. Free. 327–2041.*

★**"A Cold Winters Light"/"The People and Their Sky: African Sky Tales": U-M Exhibit Museum Planetarium.** *Every Saturday & Sunday.* "A Cold Winter's Light" (10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 1, 2, & 3 p.m. weekdays) is an audiovisual show about the stars, constellations, and planets currently visible in the sky. "The People and Their Sky" (12:30 Saturdays & 3:30 p.m. both days) is an audiovisual presentation of five African sky myths, narrated by members of the Detroit Storytellers Association and illustrated by U-M art students. *10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, & 3:30 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, North University at Geddes Ave. $3.25 (seniors & children 12 & under, $3). "The People and Their Sky" is not recommended for kids under 7. 764–0478.*

Monthly Meeting: Gays and Lesbians, Older and Wiser. Potluck and social gathering for gays and lesbians age 50 and older. Bring a dish to pass. *11 a.m.–1 p.m., U-M Turner Geriatric Clinic, 1010 Wall St. $2. 764–2556.*

★**"Children's Storytime": Nicola's Books.** *Every Saturday.* Local professional storytellers Eric Engel and Pam "Mama Moon" Crisovan alternate weekly in presenting tales, crafts, and other activities for kids ages 4–10. Followed at 12:30 p.m. on February 6 by a visit from Frank Asch's lovable **Moon Bear.** *11 a.m.–noon, Nicola's Books (Little Professor), Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–4110.*

★**"Children's Hour": Borders Books and Music.** *Every Saturday & February 21.* Borders staff and guests read stories and lead activities for kids ages 4–10. Today, join **Elmo's Birthday Party.** Also this month: projects and stories about **St. Valentine's Day** by ArtVentures (February 13), a **Reading '99** children's literacy program (February 20 & 21), and **L'Histoire Francaise,** with familiar stories and songs in French and English (February 28). *11 a.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

Draw Doubles: Ann Arbor Area Disc Induced Sports Club. *Every Saturday.* All invited to play disc golf at Hudson Mills Metropark's 18-hole disc golf course. Disc golf is a popular new sport played with a Frisbee-like disc; the goal is to land the disc in a "pole hole" in the fewest shots. In draw doubles play, beginners are paired with advanced players to create parity. Prizes. Golf discs available free from the Hudson Mills Metropark office. *11 a.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $4 per player; free for spectators. (Park entry fee: $3 per vehicle.) 996–0212, 434–1615.*

★**Auditions for "The Sound of Music": Ann Arbor Civic Theater.** *February 6 (children) & 7 (adults).* All actors invited to try out for parts in an April production. *Noon (February 6) & 7 p.m. (February 7), Ann Arbor Civic Theater, 2275 Platt Rd. at Huron Pkwy. (south of Washtenaw). Free. 971–AACT.*

"See How They Run!": Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum Monthly Demonstration. *Every Saturday and Sunday.* Staff give fun, educational demos about liquids and fluids. Pour yourself a cup of air and watch the Viscosity Race. *1 & 3 p.m. (Saturdays), 2 & 4 p.m. (Sundays), Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 219 E. Huron St. at Fifth Ave. Museum admission: $5 (students, seniors, & children, $3). Group discounts available. 995–5439.*

★**"Out of Africa: Plants from the African American Experience": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** *Every Saturday and Sunday.* Docents lead a greenhouse tour (2 p.m.) exploring the African-American history of peanuts, yams, rice, cotton, okra, bananas, sugar cane, sesame, aloe vera, chocolate, dates, tamarinds, papyrus, figs, tobacco, and coffee. Also, **"Taste of Africa"** food samples and live music. Today's special event: African American folktales (1 p.m.). Space limited; arrive early to sign up. *1–4 p.m., Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 998–7061.*

★**Creative Expressions Group: Ozone House.** *Every Saturday.* Drop-in group for gay teens, teens of gay parents, and straight friends to participate in art projects, discussion, and fun. *1–4 p.m., Ozone House, 1705 Washtenaw. Free. For information, call Connie at 975–9841 or E-mail creative.expressions@juno.com*

"Romance of the West": Waterloo Natural History Association. Cinematographer Allen King narrates his film of his travels along Lewis & Clark's scenic route from St. Louis to the mouth of the Columbia River. *2 p.m., Gerald E. Eddy Geology Center, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Geology Center is on the left.) $2 (families, $5; WNHA members, free). Preregistration required. $4 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit ($20 per year). 475–3170.*

★**"Percussion Instruments from Africa": Ann Arbor District Library.** Entertaining, educational family-oriented introduction to a variety of African percussion instruments presented by Kevin Collins, director of an African drum troupe in Flint. In conjunction with the library's celebration of African-American History Month. *2–3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 994–2342.*

★**"Imbolc Ritual": Druids of Shining Lakes Grove.** All invited to celebrate this ancient Celtic Druidic festival. Also, a potluck and raffle. Child care available. *2–5 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St. Free. 487–4931.*

★**"Brewery Tour and Tasting": Brewbakers.** *Every Saturday.* All invited to tour this local microbrewery, learn how it makes Scotch ale, German Helles, and other beers and ales, and taste some of the results. *2 p.m., Brewbakers, 410 N. Fourth Ave. (below Workbench), Kerrytown. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 327–0772.*

Michigan Classic: U-M Women's Gymnastics. Participants: U-M, MSU, EMU, CMU, WMU. *4 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, S. State at Hoover. $3 (youths age 12 & under, $1; U-M students, free). 763–2159.*

★**African American Book Club: Nicola's Books.** All invited to discuss Valerie Wilson's *No Hiding Place. 4 p.m., Nicola's Books (Little Professor), Westgate Shopping Center. Free. Information: Veleria Banks at 942–6013.*

★**Interfaith Worship Service: Guild House Campus Ministry.** *Every Saturday.* The service begins with a Native American smudging, ends with a Sufi blessing, and includes a talk by Guild House minister Diane Christopherson on "Relational Metaphors for God." *4–4:45 p.m., 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free. 662–5189.*

★**"Big Rack Night."** Now in its 11th year, this very popular annual contest for white-tailed deer hunters attracts upwards of 300 people. Contestants are in-

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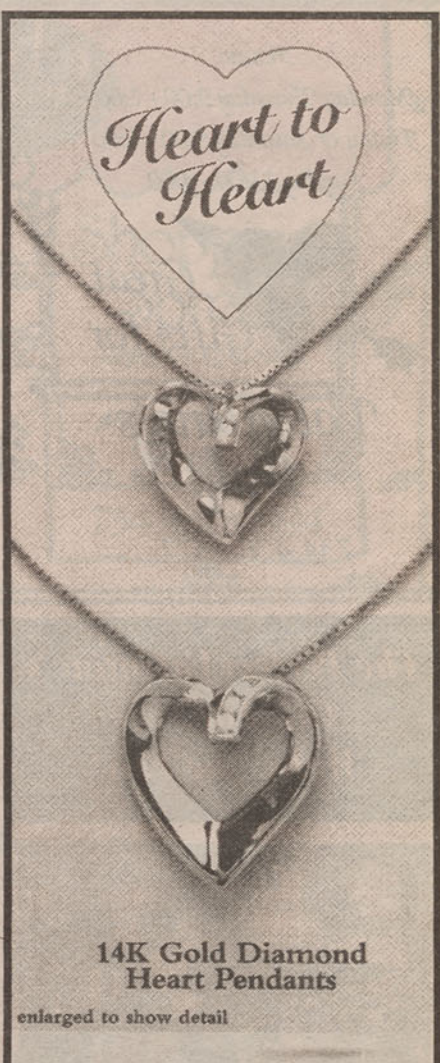

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U-M Ice Hockey vs. Ohio State. *7 p.m., Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State at McKinley. $10–$17. 764–0247.*

"Art-full Garden Party": U-M Museum of Art. As winter grips Ann Arbor, local florists transform the museum into a fresh, elegant garden filled with visual delights and the scent of an early spring, with floral works interpreting select museum artworks. Entertainment and light buffet, valet parking. *6–9 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. $35. Reservations required. 647–0516.*

"Rites of the Seer." Local medicine woman Mateyo Empie leads a Peruvian-inspired celebration, with sensitivity-enhancing techniques. Also, a potluck. *6:45 p.m., location TBA. $29. Preregistration required. 663–5505.*

★**Open Role-Playing Gaming Night: The Underworld.** *Every Saturday.* All invited to play any of the role-playing games that the Underworld carries, but you must find your own opponents. *7 p.m.–midnight, The Underworld, 1202 South University. Free. 998–0547.*

★**"The Trouble with Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam: Another Message to the Black Man in America": Barnes & Noble.** Elreta Dodds discusses her new book. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

★**"Split": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** See 4 Thursday. 7 p.m.

Dexter Twirlers Square Dance Club. *February 6 & 20.* Modern Western square dancing to recorded music, with caller Glen Geer. All experienced dancers invited. Refreshments. *7:30–10:30 p.m., St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor Rd. at Fourth St., Dexter. $7 per couple. 433–0308.*

First Saturday Contra Dance: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. Eric Zorn calls to live music by the Contrapreneurs. No partner needed; all dances taught. Wear comfortable clothes and bring flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing. Also, all string band musicians invited to bring their instruments to a free jam session (4–6 p.m.). *8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). $7. 665–7704, 332–9024.*

★**"The Bud That Stays": Shaman Drum Bookshop.** Claire Levine reads from this collection of poems and essays by her late husband **Laurence Levine,** a former WSU biology professor who took up poetry after his retirement. Refreshments. *8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

"Peter Soave Plays Astor Piazzolla": Kerrytown Concert House "Classical" Series. *See review, p. 51.* Known worldwide for his skill on the bayan, a high-tech chromatic button accordion, Peter Soave continues a season of performing the classical-style tango music of popular Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla with symphony orchestras across the U.S. Tonight, he appears with a quartet of outstanding Detroit musicians including violinists Victoria Haltom and Velda Kelly, violist Barbara Zmich, and cellist Nadine Deoleury. Featured: Piazzolla's *Five Tango Sensations* for bandoneon and string quartet. *8 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10, $15, & $25 (students, $8). Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

"The Legacy of Activism": Temple Beth Emeth. Stories and songs by **Peter Yarrow,** an award-winning human rights activist best known as a member (and chief songwriter) of the influential 60s pop-folk trio Peter, Paul, and Mary. He is joined tonight by his daughter, singer/filmmaker Bethany Yarrow. This concert, a benefit for Temple Beth Emeth, concludes Mitzvah Day, devoted to "tikkun olam" (repairing the world). *8 p.m., Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard. Tickets $36 (18 & under, $20) by reservation and at the door (if available). $75 includes reserved seating and afterglow with performers. 665–4744.*

★**Contemporary Directions Ensemble: U-M School of Music.** U-M music professor James R. Tapia conducts this U-M music-student ensemble in a concert featuring contemporary music by the celebrated experimental composer **George Crumb,** the Pulitzer Prize–winning U-M grad who is on hand for the concert. His work is known for its imaginative and deeply moving nuanced complexity. The Contemporary Directions Ensemble is one of the most highly regarded U-M music-student groups. Detroit poet George Tysh, in a *Metro Times* review, calls it "a gourmet diner in a landscape of musical hamburger stands." *8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

Phil Woods Quintet: Prism Productions. *See review, p. 55.* One of the pioneers of hard bop in the 1950s, this celebrated alto saxophonist and clarinetist has played with all the big names in jazz from Dizzy Gillespie to Thelonious Monk to Bill Evans. He features a dynamic, soaring tone on both instruments, and his music is known for its wit, sophisticated harmonicism and aggressive, unfaltering swing. Recently he's recorded a big-band CD with the house orchestra of Celebration of the Arts (a Poconos-based jazz festival he cofounded in 1978) and organized the Phil Woods Sax Machine, an alto sax quartet that has toured Europe extensively. But his main focus for the past quarter century has been his quintet, which features his longtime rhythm section of bassist Steve Gilmore and drummer Bill Goodwin, along with pianist Bill Charlap and former Jazz Messenger trumpeter Brian Lynch. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $20 in advance at SKR Pop & Rock, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; $23 at the door. To charge by phone, call (810) 645–6666.*

Teen Night: The Neutral Zone/Ann Arbor Teen Center. See 5 Friday. Tonight: **Band or D.J. party.** 8 p.m.–midnight.

"God": Pioneer High Theater Guild. See 5 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Razzmatazz": U-M Dance Company. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Rape of Lucretia": U-M School of Music. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Italian Girl in Algiers": EMU Music Department "Opera Nights." See 5 Friday. 8 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Leo DuFour: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 4 Thursday. 5:45, 8:15, & 10:45 p.m.

FILMS

No films.

7 SUNDAY

★**"Sunday Bank Run": Ann Arbor Track Club.** *Every Sunday.* All invited to join AATC members for all or part of a 14-mile training run along roads ringing the city. *9 a.m., Great Lakes Bank parking lot, 2400 S. Huron Pkwy. at Platt Rd. Free. For information, call Dan Gamble at 995–5505.*

★**"Towards a Definition of Gender-based Censorship": U-M Institute for Research on Women and Gender.** See 5 Friday. Today: **"Gender-Based Censorship: Limits and Possibilities"** (panel discussion) and 7 p.m. screening of *Naturally Native* (see Films listing below). Refreshments. *9–11:30 a.m., Rackham Assembly Hall. Free. 764–9537.*

★**Falun Gong Instruction.** *Every Sunday.* Local practitioners lead an introduction to this Chinese physical and spiritual discipline, which consists of five gentle exercises concluding with meditation. *9 a.m.–noon, Gallup Park canoe livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). Free. For information, call Liping Li at 327–1309.*

★**Zen Meditation: Buddhist Society for Compassionate Wisdom.** *Every Sunday.* Meditators from all traditions are welcome to join in meditation to develop awareness and concentration. In the morning, two 25-minute meditation periods with a break between, followed by a short talk by Zen Buddhist Temple resident priest Sukha Murray. In the evening, meditation and chanting, followed by a talk and a question period. *9:30–11 a.m. & 5–6:30 p.m., Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard at Wells. Free; donations accepted. 761–6520.*

★**"Embury Swamp Crossing": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.** WCPARC's adventurous naturalist Matt Heumann leads this annual trek across the frozen Embury Swamp. Dress warmly and be prepared for stooping, bushwhacking, and poison sumac. Small children and adults with walking difficulties should not attempt this outing. *10 a.m., Park Lyndon South, North Territorial Rd. (15 miles west of US-23). Free. 971–6337.*

★**"The Future of Social Security": Ann Arbor Unitarian Fellowship.** Talk by U-M economics professor emeritus James Morgan. *10 a.m., Burns Park Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 971–8638.*

★**"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library.** *February 7, 17, & 18 (different branch locations).*

Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain bring traditional and contemporary Scottish music to the Ark, Tues., Feb. 9.

Book discussion group led by AADL staff focusing on popular books and authors. Today: ***All Over but the Shoutin',*** Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Richard Bragg's funny, moving memoir about his hardscrabble youth in rural Alabama. *10–11 a.m., Ann Arbor District Library West Branch, Westgate Shopping Center, 2503 Jackson Rd. Free. Preregistration required. 994–1674.*

★**Chinese Meditation: Ann Arbor Chapter of the International Yan Xin Qigong Association.** *Every Sunday.* All invited to discuss and practice this Chinese form of meditation. *10:30 a.m.–noon, 1014 Herbert Dow Bldg., 2300 Hayward, North Campus. Free. 764–2182.*

★**Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism: Karma Thegsum Choling.** KTC members discuss the basics of Buddhist thought and demonstrate basic meditation practice. Refreshments. *11 a.m.–noon, Karma Thegsum Choling, 614 Miner (off Miller). Free. 761–7495.*

★**8th Annual "Taste of Health": American Heart Association.** Health presentations, cholesterol screening, nutrition counseling, cooking demonstrations, food and drink samples from area restaurants, door prizes, and more. Special activities for children. All encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to Food Gatherers. *11:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 998–6736.*

Silent Meditation: Essence Point. *Every Sunday.* Two unguided 25-minute silent meditation periods with a short break between. All welcome. *Noon–1 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe. Donations appreciated. 913–9830.*

★**Single Point II: Knox Singles Ministries.** *Every Sunday.* All single adults age 35 & older invited to join Knox Presbyterian pastor Mike Frison and church member Joyce Lutry for a series of discussions on **"How to Avoid Deadly Attraction."** *11:15 a.m., Tappan Middle School, 2251 E. Stadium. Free. 971–KNOX.*

★**First Singles: First Presbyterian Church.** *Every Sunday.* A weekly program for single adults interested in contemporary Christian topics, new ideas, personal growth, and social and physical activities. This week: Memorial Advisory and Planning Society president Dick Trytten, a retired Intermediate School District treasurer, presents **"Funerals 101,"** a talk on how to avoid costly funerals. Also this month: First Singles member Toni Keuning reports on her recent **"Trip to South Africa"** (February 14), local writer and retired social worker Sarah Taggart discusses belief systems in a talk entitled **"Living As If"** (February 21), and local psychoanalyst Robin Songer discusses **"Healing Depression from a Holistic Perspective"** (February 28). Also, members meet for breakfast every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Cafe Marie (1759 Plymouth Rd.) and every Wednesday at 7 p.m. for volleyball at a location TBA. All singles invited. *11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 741–8345.*

Monthly Meeting: YANKS. All invited to join this group for brunch and socializing. The acronym stands for Young Anglicans: No Kids, and the group consists mostly of couples in their 20s and 30s, but there is no age requirement, and young parents who desire an afternoon of adult company are also welcome. *Noon, location TBA. Pay for your own meal. For information or reservations, call Colleen at 930–9006 or St. Clare's Episcopal Church at 662–2449.*

★**"First Sunday Hot Sauce Tasting": Tios Restaurant.** Tios manager Tim Seaver offers samples of the hundreds of hot sauces and salsas available at this popular Mexican diner. Work your way through 100 sauces and you'll get a free T-shirt. *Noon–4 p.m., Tios Mexican Cafe, 333 E. Huron. Free. 761–6650.*

★**Senior Sunday Fun Bunch: Ann Arbor Public Schools Senior Adult Program.** *Every Sunday.* All seniors age 55 and older are invited for an afternoon of socializing. Activities include a potluck (1–1:30 p.m.) and bridge and euchre (1:30–3:30 p.m.). Participants are welcome to bring their own games. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Newcomers welcome. *12:30–3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

U-M Men's Basketball vs. Minnesota. *1 p.m., Crisler Arena. $12 & $15. 764–0247.*

★**"Signs of Life in the Dead of Winter": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens Trail Walk.** Docents lead a trail walk to examine winter life in the Matthaei's woodlands. Dress for the weather; sturdy waterproof footwear recommended. *1–2 p.m., Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 998–7061.*

★**"Paper Gathering": Hollander's.** All paper crafters invited to share ideas and projects in an informal setting. *1–4 p.m., Hollander's, 407 N. Fifth Ave. Kerrytown. Free. 741–7531.*

Two of a Kind: The Ark. The nationally known Philadelphia-based children's music duo of husband and wife David and Jenny Heitler-Klevans offer an interactive kid-oriented program of songs, stories, puppetry, and movement. Topics range from friendship and animals to conflict resolution and environmental issues. *1 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $6 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and (beginning two weeks before the show) at SKR Pop & Rock and Herb David Guitar Studio; and at the door. 764–1451. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

★**"Upstairs at Borders": Borders Books and Music.** *February 7, 14, & 28.* A weekly musical series featuring area performers. Today: **The Terraplanes,** a rootsy local blues and blues-rock band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack. Also this month: Eclectic music from the amazing trio **Maggie Pierce and E.J.** (February 14), and original folk-rock by Grand Rapids singer-songwriter **Lucy Webster** (February 28). *1 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

★**"Out of Africa: Plants from the African-American Experience": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** See 6 Saturday. Today's special events: **"Bags, Brooms, Bottles, and Bedcovers"** (1 p.m.), a lecture by Bamidele Agbasegebe Demerson, an award-winning local photographer and cultural anthropologist, on the influence of plants on African-American culture; and **African-American folktales** (1:30 p.m.) 1–4 p.m.

★**"Feed the Poets": Del Rio.** Open mike poetry readings interspersed with informal readings by poets TBA. *1:30–4:30 p.m., Del Rio, 122 W. Washington. Free. 761–2530.*

★**"Finding, Financing, and Closing on a House": Nicola's Books.** Talks on house-buying strategies by ReMax realty agent Mary Gilbert, attorney Michael Schroer, and Bank of Ann Arbor senior mortgage loan officer Kim Clugston. *2–3:30 p.m., Nicola's Books (Little Professor), Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–4110.*

★**Sunday Tour: U-M Museum of Art.** *Every Sunday.* UMMA docents lead an hour-long tour of museum holdings. Today: ***Arts of Africa.*** Also this month: ***Magdalena Abakanowicz and the Mindless Crowd*** (February 14), ***Bill Jacobson Photographs*** (February 21), and ***Highlights of the Permanent Collection*** (February 28). *2 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764–0395.*

★**"Family Exotic Travel Fair": Journeys International.** Journeys codirectors Joan and Will Weber discuss Journeys 1999 summer programs in a talk entitled **"Exotic Family Adventures: Costa Rica, Peru, the Galapagos Islands, East Africa, Australia, and Nepal"** (2–3 p.m.). Also a display of **"Food Music, Photos, Souvenirs from Journeys' Family Destinations"** (3–4 p.m.) and a slide show on **"The Ultimate Family Trip: The Webers' Six Months in Asia, Australia, & the Pacific"** (4–5 p.m.). *2–5 p.m. Journeys, 107 Aprill Dr. (off Jackson west of Wagner). Free. 665–4407.*

★**"Kerry Tales: Hooray for Hats and Mother Goose": Story Time at Kerrytown (Kerrytown Shops/Workbench Furniture).** This 30-minute family-oriented program of rhymes, riddles, and rollicking fun features local storyteller Trudy Bulkley

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as Mother Goose. *2 p.m., Workbench, 2nd-floor children's furniture area, 410 N. Fourth Ave., Kerrytown. Free. 769–3115.*

"Razzmatazz": U-M Dance Company. See 4 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 2 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★Ann Arbor–Motown Hash House Harriers. *Every Sunday and occasional Mondays.* The local chapter of an unorthodox international running club for people who like to make a game of running. Each runner's primary task is to follow a trail, laid out by a club member, that has been designed to trick runners into losing their way. The usual result is to make the fastest (lead) runners run the longest distance, so that runners of varying abilities complete the course in nearly the same time. Each run includes at least one pit stop (with beer and soft drinks hidden along the way) and is followed by a trip to a nearby restaurant for refreshments. *3 p.m. (Sundays) & 6:30 p.m. (Mondays), location TBA. Free. For location and information, visit the group's website (www-personal.umich.edu/~ronmoore/a2h3) or call 332–9314.*

★"Inside, Outside": Claire Spitler Gallery. Opening reception for one-person exhibit of watercolor and computer-manipulated paintings of nudes and landscapes, and sculpture, by local artist and U-M alum Leslie Sobel. With live jazz and classical guitar by local music instructor Kyle Neely. *3–6 p.m., Claire Spitler Gallery, 2007 Pauline. Free. 662–8914.*

An Afternoon in a Russian Salon: Kerrytown Concert House "Classical" Series. An afternoon of Russian culture featuring bass-baritone **Solomon Soloviev**. Despite a successful singing career in Russia, where his luxurious voice and engaging presence endeared him to audiences, Soloviev recently emigrated to the U.S. His debut concert in his adoptive hometown features operatic arias and songs by Russian composers, including Rachmaninoff, Glinka, and Tchaikovsky, with piano accompanist Raisa Parmentier. Also, other local artists TBA read Russian poetry and plays. Followed by a reception with Russian tea and rich pastries. *4 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $7 & $10. Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

American String Quartet: University Musical Society "Beethoven the Contemporary" Series. This esteemed chamber ensemble continues its 3-year series pairing the complete Beethoven string quartets with contrasting works by contemporary composers. Founded in 1974 by four Juilliard students, the quartet won the prestigious Coleman and Naumburg awards in its first year and has remained one of the foremost contemporary string quartets ever since. *Strings* magazine reviewer Edith Eisler praises the group for a "unanimity of spirit and genuinely felt personal expressiveness [that] speak straight to the heart." Program: Beethoven's quartets in F major and E minor, and the world premiere of Quartet No. 3 ("Whispers of Heavenly Death"), a work based on Whitman's poetry, by University of Oklahoma music professor Kenneth Fuchs, who also gives a talk tomorrow on **"Interdisciplinary Relationships in Music and the Fine Arts"** (11:30 a.m., U-M Music School Bldg., 1100 Baits Dr., North Campus). *4 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Tickets $16–$30 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

★Jazz Mass: Canterbury House. *Every Sunday.* An alternative Episcopal worship service with live music by Quartex, a group led by U-M composer Stephen Rush that plays original and traditional jazz, techno, gospel, rock, and meditative music from the ecumenical community of Taize, France. The Rev. Matthew Lawrence is preacher and celebrant. *5 p.m., Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron St. Free; offering taken. 665–0606.*

★Floricanto: Chicano/a History Week (U-M Minority Student Services). This celebration of Chicano culture includes storytelling, open mike poetry, and a reception. Part of a series of performances and other events through the coming week (call for details). *5–7 p.m., U-M campus location TBA. Free. 763–9044.*

"House Blend" Series: Ann Arbor Playwrights. *February 7 & 28.* All invited to hear a reading of a new play by a local playwright, followed by discussion. Today: **"Open Scenes Night,"** a marathon of scenes and short plays in 30 minutes or less. Writers invited to bring work for feedback. *6–9 p.m., Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave. $2 suggested donation. (248) 967–2372.*

★Morris Dancing: Ann Arbor Morris & Sword Dancers. *Every Sunday.* All invited to learn this traditional form of English ceremonial dance dating back to medieval times. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable soft-soled shoes. Members perform in costume on May Day and other occasions throughout the year. *6–8 p.m., location TBA. Free. For information, call Jill Baker at 677–1498.*

★Auditions for "The Sound of Music": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 6 Saturday. 7 p.m.

II-V-I Orchestra: Heidelberg Restaurant. *Every Sunday.* Dancing to late-30s swing and 40s R&B by this veteran local big band led by Urbations saxophonist David Swain. *7–9:30 p.m., Heidelberg Restaurant (3rd floor), 215 N. Main. $3. 663–7758.*

Israeli Dancing: Hillel. Every Sunday. Tom Starks leads 45 minutes of instruction for beginners, followed by open dancing. *7:30–10 p.m., 1429 Hill St. $2.50. 769–0500.*

Grey Eye Glances: The Ark. Evocative, atmospheric folk-rock by this Philadelphia trio led by the arrestingly pure vocals of Jennifer Nobel. A grassroots favorite with club audiences up and down the East Coast, the band recently released *Painted Pictures,* its major label debut on Mercury. *7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. $10 (members, students, & seniors, $9) at the door only. 761–1451.*

Weekly Meeting: U-M Ballroom Dancers. *February 7, 14, & 28.* Ballroom dancing to recorded music, including foxtrots, waltzes, cha-chas, rumbas, tangos, swing, and more. No partner necessary. Preceded on February 7 & 14 by cha-cha (4–5:30 p.m.) and hustle (5:30–8 p.m.) lessons and practice. *8–10 p.m. (February 7 & 14) & 6:30–10 p.m. (February 28), Michigan Union Ballroom. $2. 763–6984.*

★Concert Band: U-M School of Music. U-M music professor and marching band director Kevin Sedatole conducts this U-M music-student band performing a program with music by Young, Presti, Gould, Barber, Williams, Nixon, and Welcher. *8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

Robert Walter's 20th Congress—A Greyboy All-Stars Sidecar Project: Amer's First Street Grill. Funky acid-jazz ensemble led by Greyboy All-Stars organist Walter. *10:30 p.m. (doors open at 10 p.m.), Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First at Huron. Tickets $6 in advance at SKR Pop & Rock, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; $8 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666; for information, call 213–6000.*

FILMS

MTF. "Central Station" (Walter Salles, 1998). *February 7–13.* The meeting of a cynical letter-writer for illiterates and a homeless boy leads to a fractious friendship and a life-altering journey. Portuguese, subtitles. Mich., 4:30 & 9:30 p.m. **U-M Institute for Research on Women and Gender. "Naturally Native"** (Valerie Red-Horse, 1998). Comedy about 3 urban Native Americans trying to sell a line of cosmetics called Naturally Native and their uphill battle with racist businesspeople. Stars Irene Bedard of *Smoke Signals.* In conjunction with the "Towards a Definition of Gender-based Censorship" conference (see 5 Friday). Mich., 7 p.m.

8 MONDAY

★Composers Forum: U-M School of Music. Concert showcasing composition students' recent work. *11:30 a.m., Britton Recital Hall, Music School Bldg., 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway) North Campus. Free. 764–0594.*

★Women's Book Group: Guild House. *February 8 & 22.* All women invited to discuss David Shipler's *A Country of Strangers: Blacks and Whites in America. Noon–1 p.m. Guild House, 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free. 662–5189.*

★"Card Party": Northeast Senior Center. All seniors invited to play cards and socialize. Refreshments. *1 p.m., Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. (off N. Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). Free. Reservations requested. 996–0070.*

★"Emerging Women's Institutions in Post-Communist Societies": U-M Center for the Education of Women. Panel discussion with **Minjin Hashbat,** a former BBC producer in Mongolia; **Nurgul Djanaeva,** vice-president of planning and international relations at the University of Kyrgyzstan; and **Zeljka Jelavic,** the founder of the first women's studies center in Zagreb, Croatia. *3–5 p.m., CEW Conference Room, 330 E. Liberty. Free. 998–7080.*

★"Buying a Home Without Losing Your Shirt": The Buyer's Agent. Real estate professionals lead a discussion on first-time home buying, including the search process, negotiation, mortgages, and closings. *7–8:30 p.m., The Buyer's Agent, 1900 W. Stadium. Free, but preregistration required. 662–6240.*

★Evening Voyages: Ann Arbor District Library.

poetry

Jimmy Santiago Baca
Love of the visible world

Jimmy Baca is one of those writers who have drawn no lines between their lives and their art. Because the discovery of the written word and of poetry quite literally saved his life, his devotion to his craft has an ultimate seriousness. His themes—life in prison, Chicano identity, the southwestern landscape—find direct and uncluttered expression in his poems, whether he is choosing to be polemical, to tell a story, or to capture a lyric moment.

In his book of essays, *Working in the Dark: Reflections of a Poet of the Barrio,* Baca describes how he came to writing. One night in a county jail, after witnessing his jailers beating up a drunk, he managed to steal one of their books. "It was the only way I had of protesting." The book was a collection of Wordsworth's poems, of all things. Barely literate, he sounded out the words slowly and deliberately, and began to hear a music that he had never heard before. Shortly after that, he tried to write his own words on scraps of paper. Up until that moment he felt "as if I had been born into a raging ocean."

> *But when at last I wrote my first words on the page, I felt an island rising beneath my feet like the back of a whale. As more and more words emerged, I could finally rest: I had a place to stand for the first time in my life. The island grew, with each page, into a continent inhabited by people I knew and mapped with the life I lived.*

Because the story of his life is so moving and so central to his work, it is easy to overlook the real accomplishment in Baca's writing. Even the poems in his first collection, *Immigrants in Our Own Land,* poems mostly written while Baca was still in prison, display his uncanny ability to find the image that captures a moment. In "Against" he describes the moon seen very early in the morning above the prison compound:

> *Tell me! What should it mean,*
> *that a moon like a wolf's yellow eye*
> *should stare into my eye directly?*
>
> *My finger, had I raised my arm,*
> *could have punctured it like a peach*
> *and on my head*
> *sweet juice drips, I could have pushed*
> *my finger in,*
> *retrieved the seed of its soul, the*
> *stern hard pupil,*
> *and placed it upon my tongue,*
> *sucked its mighty power*
>
> *of dreams!*

This almost desperate love of the visible world becomes even more powerful in Baca's later work. In the two long poems that make up *Martin & Meditations on the South Valley,* Baca captures both the poignancy of his own story and the vividness of his beloved New Mexican landscape. In this book his images transcend themselves and carry the weight of archetypes.

Jimmy Santiago Baca reads his poems at Shaman Drum Bookshop on Thursday, February 11. —*Keith Taylor*

February 8 & 22. A series of storytelling programs for listeners 1st grade through adult. Stories in this popular series are told rather than read, and music is an integral part of each program. Children under age 6 not admitted. Tonight: Traditional African-American folktales by guest storyteller **Elizabeth James.** In conjunction with the library's celebration of African-American History Month. *7–7:45 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.*

★**Working Writers Group.** *February 8 & 22.* All invited to join a discussion with members of this group that provides support and critiques for writers interested in publishing their poetry, fiction, or nonfiction. Observers welcome. *7–9 p.m., Borders Books & Music, 612 E. Liberty. Free. For information, call Dale at 994–9006.*

★**"Stamp Bourse": Ann Arbor Stamp Club Monthly Meeting.** Nonmembers invited to join members in trading and selling thousands of collected stamps. *7:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. Free. 662–6566.*

★**"The Philosophy and Process of Civil Commitment and Guardianship": Washtenaw County Alliance for the Mentally Ill.** Panel discussion with Washtenaw County Probate Court Judge John Kirkendall, Community Mental Health inpatient psychiatry liaison Elena Schulmer, and U-M Hospitals psychiatrist John DeQuardo. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard. Free. For information about tonight's program or about support groups for siblings and other relatives of the mentally ill, call 994–6611.*

★**"Health and Chiropractic": Network Chiropractic Center.** *February 8 & 22.* A series of talks by local chiropractor Rob Koliner. Tonight: **"Network Chiroporactic's Role in Your Health Care Plan."** Also this month: **"Health Care in the U.S.A."** (February 22). *8 p.m., Network Chiropractic Center, 1210 N. Maple Rd. at Miller. Free. Reservations requested. 761–5908.*

★**Writers Series: Guild House.** Readings by the husband-and-wife team of **Joe Matuzak,** an Art Institute of Chicago teacher known for his surreal language, complex imagery, and elaborate personas, and **Josie Kearns,** a U-M English and creative writing lecturer known for her humorous, witty urban poetry. Flint natives who now live in Ann Arbor, they both read from forthcoming collections, Matuzak's *Eating Fire* and Kearns's *New Numbers,* which includes poems that won the first MacLeod-Grobe Prize awarded by the journal *Poetry Northwest. 8:30 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free. 677–6839, 662–5189.*

FILMS

FV. History of World Cinema Series. "The Bicycle Thief" (Vittorio De Sica, 1947). Simple, realistic story about a working man dependent on his bicycle and the shattering week he spends with his son when it's stolen. An all-time classic. Mich., 4:10 p.m. **MTF. "Central Station"** (Walter Salles, 1998). See 7 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:30 p.m.

9 TUESDAY

★**Morning Coffee: Newcomers Coterie Club of Ann Arbor.** Informal; children welcome. Coterie is open to all women who have moved or returned to the Ann Arbor–Ypsilanti area. *10 a.m.–noon, St. Luke Lutheran Church, 4205 Washtenaw. Free. 769–0658.*

★**"Batterers: When They Kill, Why They Kill": Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House.** SAFE House executive director Susan McGee and Washtenaw County prosecutor Brian Mackie discuss the recent homicide in Ypsilanti Township, in which a man allegedly killed his estranged wife. All invited to bring a bag lunch. *Noon–2 p.m., SAFE House, 4100 Clark Rd. Free. 973–0242, ext. 202.*

★**"Through the Storm": Ann Arbor District Library "Booked for Lunch."** Belleville novelist **Beverly Jenkins** discusses the latest in her series of African-American historical romances, a love story set during the Civil War. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea provided. Taped for repeat broadcasts on cable channel 8. *12:10–1 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8328.*

★**Materials Recovery Facility Monthly Open House: Ann Arbor Solid Waste Department.** *February 9 & 13.* Guided tours of the city's new recycling and trash disposal center. This month's special activities include a display on **vermicomposting** (indoor composting with worms). Also, February 13 only, a vermicomposting workshop ($20; preregistration required by February 8). *3–5 p.m. (February 9) & 10 a.m.–noon (February 13), Materials Recovery Facility, 4120 Platt Rd. Free. 994–2807.*

★**"Cabin Fever Crafts": Learning Express.** After-school crafts program for kids ages 6 & up. *3–5 p.m., Learning Express, Westgate Shopping Center, 2465 W. Stadium. Free. Space limited; preregistration required by February 7. 997–0707.*

★**"Art by Michigan Prisoners": W. K. Kellogg Foundation/U-M Program in Women's Studies/U-M English Department/U-M Art School.** Opening reception for an exhibit and sale of 100 works by incarcerated artists using watercolor, coffee grounds, charcoal, and other media. Proceeds benefit the artists. Related events include a **dialogue between a shooting victim and the assailant** (February 12, Rackham East Conference Room, 4 p.m.) and a **dialogue between parolees and wardens** (February 20, Rackham East Conference Room, 1:30 p.m.). Also, readings by poets **Jimmy Santiago Baca** (see 11 Thursday) and **Ashe Bandele** (see 15 Monday) and a talk by *Dead Man Walking* author **Sister Helen Prejean** (see 22 Monday). *4–6:30 p.m., Rackham Galleries, 915 E. Washington. Free. 665–5369.*

★**Playwriting Workshop: Washtenaw Community College.** *February 9 & 23.* Professional writer Richard Keller shows aspiring playwrights how to develop characters, conflicts, and plots. *6–9 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Art Gallery, Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 973–3519.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild.** Members buy, sell, and trade materials, and demonstrate various fiber techniques. All invited. *6:45 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty. Free. 484–4350.*

★**"Origami Fun!": Ann Arbor District Library.** A local origami expert presents a family-oriented workshop introducing the ancient, elegant Japanese art of paper folding. Kids under 5 must be accompanied by an adult to assist them. Supplies provided. *7–8 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 327–8301.*

Faux Finish Clinic: Ann Arbor Paint and Wallpaper. Learn stylish home-beautification techniques: faux finishing, sponging, colorwashing, crackling, ragrolling, and more. *7–8:30 p.m., 2386 Stadium Blvd. $5. Reservations required. 662–6650.*

Monthly Meeting: Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan. Speaker and topic TBA. Open to all women who own or would like to start a business. Informal networking at 6:30 p.m. *7–8:30 p.m., 777 Eisenhower at S. State. $10 (members, free). Reservations required. 332–9300.*

★**"Beyond the Blues: Depression in Women": St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.** Talk by local social worker Hinda Vozar. *7–8:30 p.m., Saline Hospital, 400 West Russell (off Ann Arbor–Saline Rd.), Saline. Free. Preregistration required. 1–800–231–2211.*

★**"Lincoln: First Person": Ann Arbor Area Civil War Round Table.** Club members Fred and Bonnie Priebe appear (in costume) as President Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. *7 p.m., St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 930–0617, 973–6273, or 973–1047.*

★**"An Evening with Elliot Caplan": Ann Arbor District Library.** This award-winning maker of dance video is the primary videographer for the Merce Cunningham Dance Company (see 12 Friday listing). Tonight he shows excerpts from his videos, discusses his craft, and answers questions. *7–8:30 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4510.*

★**Fiction Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to discuss ***The Poisonwood Bible,*** Barbara Kingsolver's best-seller about an evangelical Baptist who takes his family to the Belgian Congo in 1959. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

English Country Dancing: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. *February 9 & 23.* Dance and workshop on historical and traditional dances from England led by Eric Arnold, Helen White, and Don Theyken, with live music. All dances taught; previous experience and partners not necessary. Comfortable non-slip shoes recommended. *7:15–9:45 p.m., Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Rd. (north of Plymouth). $5. 662–5158.*

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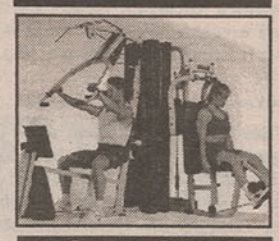
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EVENTS *continued*

★Monthly Meeting: WAUG. This month's discussion topic: **"Favorite Video Sites on the Web."** WAUG is a multiplatform computer user group. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Web Chateau Internet Cafe, South University at S. Forest. Free. 971–8576.*

★"Charter Schools in Michigan": Ann Arbor Area League of Women Voters Consensus Meeting. All invited to help the local LWV chapter define its position on charter schools. Preceded at 7 p.m. by refreshments. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free. 665–5808.*

★"New Faiths, Old Fears: Recent Immigrants and the Challenge of Diasporic Spiritual Practices Through North American Norms and Values": U-M Program on Studies in Religion. *February 9–11.* A series of talks by Duke University religion professor Bruce Lawrence. Tonight: **"North American Religion or Religion?"** Also, **"Accounting for Violence"** (February 10) and **"Revisiting Religious Pluralism"** (February 11). *7:30 p.m., Rackham Amphitheater (tonight), Angell Hall Auditorium D (February 10 & 11). Free. 764–4475.*

★Groupe de Francais. All fluent French speakers invited to enjoy conversation. *7:30–9 p.m., Cafe Zola, 112 W. Washington. Free. 996–1848.*

Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain: The Ark. An evening of traditional and contemporary Scottish music, along with the music of other Celtic traditions, by the all-star duo of former Silly Wizard accordionist Cunningham and Boys of the Lough founding member Bain, a Shetland-style Scottish fiddler. Their new CD, *Ruby,* blends traditional tunes and Cunningham originals. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $13.50 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and (beginning two weeks before the show) at SKR Pop & Rock and Herb David Guitar Studio; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

★University Philharmonia Orchestra: U-M School of Music. Guest conductor Vincent Danner leads this music-student orchestra in Bartok's 1923 *Dance Suite,* one of the few 20th-century European works influenced by Arabic music. Also, Respighi's *Ancient Airs and Dances Suite 1,* and a concerto by a winner in the annual music student concerto competition. *8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

FILMS

FV. Alien Eye Series. "The Southerner" (Jean Renoir, 1945). Superb drama about a family struggling to make farmland self-supporting against serious odds. FREE. Mich., 7 p.m. **HILL. "Black to the Promised Land"** (Madeline Ali, 1992). Insightful documentary about a group of African American teens from the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood in Brooklyn who spend the summer of 1989 working on an Israeli kibbutz. FREE. Hillel, 8 p.m. **MTF. "Central Station"** (Walter Salles, 1998). See 7 Sunday. Mich., 9:00 p.m.

10 WEDNESDAY

★Open House: First United Methodist Cooperative Nursery. A chance to learn about the programs for 3- and 4-year-olds at this local preschool. *10–11:30 a.m., 120 S. State. Free. 665–8987.*

★"Mirrors and Manteia: Themes of Prophecy on Etruscan Mirrors": U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology. Lecture by Florida State University classical studies professor Nancy Thompson de Grummond. *4:30 p.m., 180 Tappan Hall, 519 South University. Free. 764–9304.*

★Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Magic Club. All amateur and professional magicians invited to an evening of socializing and discussion of the magical arts. *7 p.m., Domino's Farms, Lobby G, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr. (off Earhart Rd. north of Plymouth Rd.). Free. For information, call Harry Colestock at 663–5257.*

★"Midwifery and Children in America": Institute for Research on Women and Gender. Talk by nurse-midwife and epidemiologist Judith Rooks. *7 p.m., 1324 East Hall, 525 East University. Free. 764–9537.*

★Reiki Introduction. Local Reiki master Suzy Wienckowski explains this gentle, hands-on technique for reducing stress, relieving pain, and facilitating healing and personal growth. Followed by free mini-treatments. *7–8:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. Preregistration required. 668–8071.*

★"Health, Healing, and Homeopathy, Part 1": People's Food Co-op. First in a series of three monthly talks by local naturopathic physician Caroline Smoyer. The talks are based on Caroline Myss's *Anatomy of the Spirit. 7–8:30 p.m., People's Food Co-op, 216 N. Fourth Ave. Free. Preregistration required. 769–0095.*

★Monthly Meeting: Arrow Communication Association Amateur Radio Club. All invited to discuss ham radio activities and issues. Tonight's topic TBA. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett. Free to visitors ($20 annual dues). 665–6616.*

★"Fourteen Years' Experience with Hostas": Ann Arbor Garden Club. Slide-illustrated talk by Tom Schmid, owner of Schmid Gardens in Jackson, Michigan. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 662–7211.*

★"Managing Weeds in Your Home Landscape": Michigan Chapter of Wild Ones. Talk by David Mindell, owner of PlantWise, a local native plant consulting business. *7:30 p.m., Pioneer High School library/media center (2nd floor), 601 W. Stadium at Main. Free. 763–0645, 769–6981.*

★History Reading Group: Barnes & Noble. EMU history professor Louis Gimelli leads a discussion of Julie Roy Jeffrey's ***Frontier Women.*** *7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

Scandinavian Folk Dancing: Multicultural Folk Arts Center. Traditional turning couple dances, mainly from Sweden and Norway, including hambo, schottis, Boda polska, and Telespringar. All dances taught by Bruce Sagan, who also provides some live music. No partner necessary. Hard-soled shoes strongly recommended. Occasional live music on traditional instruments. All invited. *8–10:30 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). $4. 327–3636.*

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

FILMS

MTF. "Central Station" (Walter Salles, 1998). See 7 Sunday. Mich., 7 p.m. **U-M Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies. "Halfaoine: Young Boy on the Terraces"** (Ferid Boughedir, 1990). Tunisian coming-of-age tale of the young boy Noura. This movie has appeared in many film festivals but is said to exist in only one print. Arabic, subtitles. Mich., 9:30 p.m. **U-M Michigan League. "Good Will Hunting"** (Gus Van Sant, 1997). Video showing of this drama about a psychiatrist who tries to help an MIT janitor with a genius for mathematics. Robin Williams, Matt Damon, Minnie Driver. FREE. League Underground, 911 North University, 8 p.m.

11 THURSDAY

"NetWorks": Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce. A popular 90-minute monthly networking program that provides local businesspeople a chance to meet and learn about one another's businesses. Also, local CPAs Jim Palazzolo and Todd Kelley discuss **"Lowering Your Tax Bill."** *7:45–9 a.m., Detroit Edison Center Community Room, 425 S. Main. $10 (members, $5). 214–0104.*

"Leafing Through the Impressionist's Menu": Margaret Waterman Alumnae Town Hall Celebrity Lecture Series. Culinary historian **Alexandra Leaf,** host of the CNN food show *On The Menu,* explores 19th-century French cuisine to bring new meaning to Impressionist paintings. *10:30 a.m., Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, Michigan League. Tickets $15 in advance and (if available) at the door. 996–1829.*

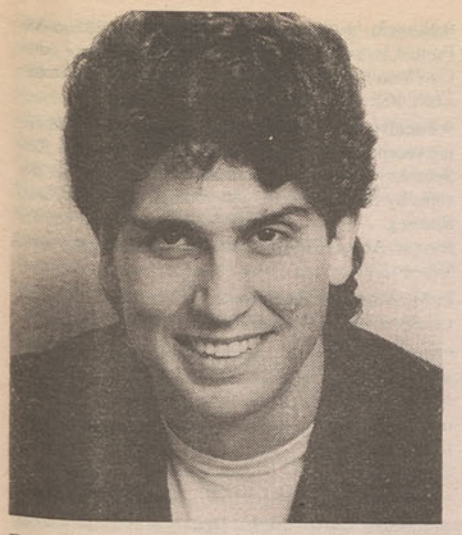
★"The Open Source Revolution": U-M School of Information. Lecture by **Eric Raymond,** the renowned computer programmer and author best known for his role in influencing Netscape's recent decision to make public the source code for its Web browser. *Noon–1:30 p.m., West Hall Erlicher Room, 550 East University. Free. 763–0074.*

★Monthly Meeting: American Association of Retired Persons. Speaker and topic TBA. Open to anyone age 50 or older. *1:30 p.m., Pittsfield Twp. Hall, S. State at Ellsworth. Free. 663–5429.*

★"God in the Information Age": U-M Program on Studies in Religion. Panel discussion with Duke University religion professor Bruce Lawrence (see 9 Tuesday), renowned religious historian Charles Long, and U-M Asian languages & culture professor Luis Gomez. *4 p.m., Rackham Amphitheater (4th floor). Free. 764–4475.*

★Monthly Meeting: Huron Land Use Alliance. All invited to discuss ways to promote preservation of open space and the development of livable communities in Washtenaw County. *7–9 p.m., NEW Center, 1100 N. Main. Free. 769–5123.*

★Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Cage Bird Club. Veterinarian Andrea Maceri discusses **"Basic Bird Care: Cages, Toys, Nutrition, Diseases."** Also, club members demonstrate how to build an outdoor birdhouse. Those in attendance tonight can build their own birdhouse ($8 materials cost). Suet and other bird-food recipes available. Raffle, refreshments. Bring your bird. *7 p.m., Ann Arbor Community Center, 625 N. Main. Free. (313) 928–4270.*



Popular and personable comedian Wayne Cotter appears at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, Feb. 11–13.

"Beer Tasting: Scotch and Smoked Ales": Arbor Brewing Company. A chance to sample and learn about 18–24 different Scotch and smoked ales. (Most Scotch ales are smoked.) Also, a drawing for beer-related prizes. The price of admission includes unlimited beer sampling and a light appetizer buffet. *7–9 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington. Tickets $20 in advance and (if available) at the door. 213–1393.*

★**"The African American Experience": Ann Arbor District Library.** Dramatic readings from works TBA by Ann Arborite Maymette Dolberry. In conjunction with the library's celebration of African American History Month. *7–8 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 994–2342.*

★**Suzanne Vega: Borders Books and Music.** This gifted avant-folk singer-songwriter reads from and signs copies of *The Passionate Eye,* a collection of her poetry, song lyrics, stories, and memories. Best known for her 1987 pop hit "Luka" and the oft-sampled "Tom's Diner," Vega also sings some of her songs. *7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Experimental Aircraft Association.** All invited who share an interest in aircraft and aviation techniques. *7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Airport Terminal Bldg., 801 Airport Dr. (off S. State just south of I-94). Free. For information, call Dennis Horton at 971–1794.*

★**"The Kids Club: A Successful Intervention for Children of Battered Women": Washtenaw County Association for Infant Mental Health.** Talk by U-M clinical psychology professor Sandra Graham-Bergmann. *7:30 p.m., Dr. John Gall's office, Liberty Medical Complex, 3200 W. Liberty (just east of Wagner Rd.). Free. 668–6290.*

★**"Lessons to Learn from the Failure of Russian Socialism": Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County.** Talk by Anna Ebeling, a Hillsdale College business professor who holds a doctorate from Moscow State University. *7:30 p.m., Michigan Union location TBA. Free. 475–9792.*

★**"Romance Readers": Barnes & Noble.** All invited to discuss Teresa Medeiros's ***Lady of Conquest.*** *7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

★**"Songwriters Open Mike": Oz's Music.** All songwriters invited. Hosted by Jim Novak. The performances are videotaped and edited for a weekly show on cable channel 9, Fridays, 8:30–9:30 p.m. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Oz's Music Environment, 1920 Packard. Free. 662–8283.*

★**Jimmy Santiago Baca: Shaman Drum Bookshop.** *See review, p. 59.* Reading by this acclaimed poet from New Mexico who as an illiterate young man in prison taught himself to read. His work is known for its hauntingly introspective, sometimes surreal explorations of the landscapes and cultural identities of the American Southwest. Following the reading, Baca signs copies of his books. Refreshments. In conjunction with the "Art by Michigan Prisoners" exhibit (see 9 Tuesday listing). *8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

★**Faculty Recital: EMU Music Department.** Recital by cellist **Kurt Baldwin,** a member of the Arianna String Quartet, and EMU piano professor **Dady Mehta.** Program TBA. *8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.*

★**Jazz Combos: U-M School of Music.** Directed by veteran Detroit saxophonist Donald Walden, U-M music-student jazz combos perform standards from the small ensemble repertory. *8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

Benefit Concert: Ann Arbor Tenants' Union. All invited to a concert featuring local pop-rock-folk singer-songwriter Lisa Hunter, and local guitarist Brian Lillie, leader of the rootsy folk-rock Squirrel Mountain Orchestra. Other musicians TBA. Proceeds benefit the Tenants' Union. *8 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division at Catherine. $5 at the door. 763–6876.*

Steve Ferguson & the Midwest Creole Ensemble: The Ark. A founding member of the 70s R&B chamber ensemble NRBQ, Ferguson is a multitalented singer-songwriter, guitarist, and arranger. He plays a Creole-based brand of slop-bucket roots music that effortlessly mixes a number of idioms—blues, country, horn-fired Stax-style R&B, and more—into a distinctively tangy down-home brew. Ferguson was a major contributor to longtime Chuck Berry pianist Johnnie Johnson's Grammy-nominated 1991 LP, *Johnnie B. Bad,* and his own Schoolkids' CD, *Jack Salmon and Derby Sauce,* has gotten rave reviews. He is backed by an 8-piece band that includes 3 horns. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $12.50 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and (beginning two weeks before the show) at SKR Pop & Rock and Herb David Guitar Studio; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

★**"Egyptian Rat-Screw": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** *February 11–13.* Marya Keefe directs fellow U-M students in Jason Lindner's black comedy about a disgruntled investigator in a world where torture is commonplace, who finally meets his match in a man oblivious to pain. *Evening time TBA, Arena Stage (basement of Frieze Bldg.), 105 S. State St. Free. 764–6800.*

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940": P.T.D. Productions. *February 11–14 & 18–20.* Brian Burchette directs John Bishop's satiric mystery-farce, a wild whodunit described by the producers as "Neil Simon meets Agatha Christie." A shadowy "slasher" preys on blizzard-bound victims as knives spring from nowhere, bodies start to fall, and a police inspector bumbles in on snowshoes, doing no good whatsoever. Bishop's irreverent wit adds merriment to the uproar. Features the ensemble cast of Richard Heberlein, Marie Jones, Kathi Krater, Marc Much, Dennis Platte, Janet Rich, Joshuah Schooley, Karen Sparks, Chris Starkey, Daniel Toronto, and Anna Walsh. *8 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets $12 (students & seniors, $9) in advance and at the door. To reserve tickets, call 483–7345.*

"Our Country's Good": U-M Theater Department. *February 11–13.* U-M drama professor Darryl Jones directs Timberlake Wertenbaker's fascinating drama, an often funny but also dark and disturbing exploration of the beginnings of Australian society and culture that won the 1988 Laurence Olivier Play of the Year Award. The action is set in the 1780s, during the early days of the Australian penal colonies, where an English lieutenant decides to stage a production of Farquhar's *The Recruiting Officer.* During the course of rehearsals, both the convicts and their keepers learn to see themselves and each other in new, unexpectedly liberating ways. *8 p.m., Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, Michigan League. Tickets $14 & $18 (students, $7) at the Michigan League Box Office in advance and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–0450.*

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Wayne Cotter: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. *February 11–13.* An appealingly personable observational humorist with antic, sometimes stingingly caustic views of everyday life, Cotter is a frequent guest on the Letterman show and on various cable TV shows. He also hosts The Learning Channel's *Amazing Discoveries.* One of Mainstreet's most durably popular attractions. Preceded by two opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8 & 10:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. Tickets $10 (Thursday) & $12 (Friday & Saturday) in advance and at the door. Group rates and other discounts available. 996–9080.*

FILMS

MTF. "Central Station" (Walter Salles, 1998). See 7 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:30 p.m. **U-CLUB. "When Harry Met Sally"** (Rob Reiner, 1989). Very enjoyable Woody Allen–style comedy, set in New York City, about friends trying to avoid romantic complications. Billy Crystal, Meg Ryan. FREE, but people not affiliated with the U-M must arrive before 9 p.m. Michigan Union, 9 p.m.

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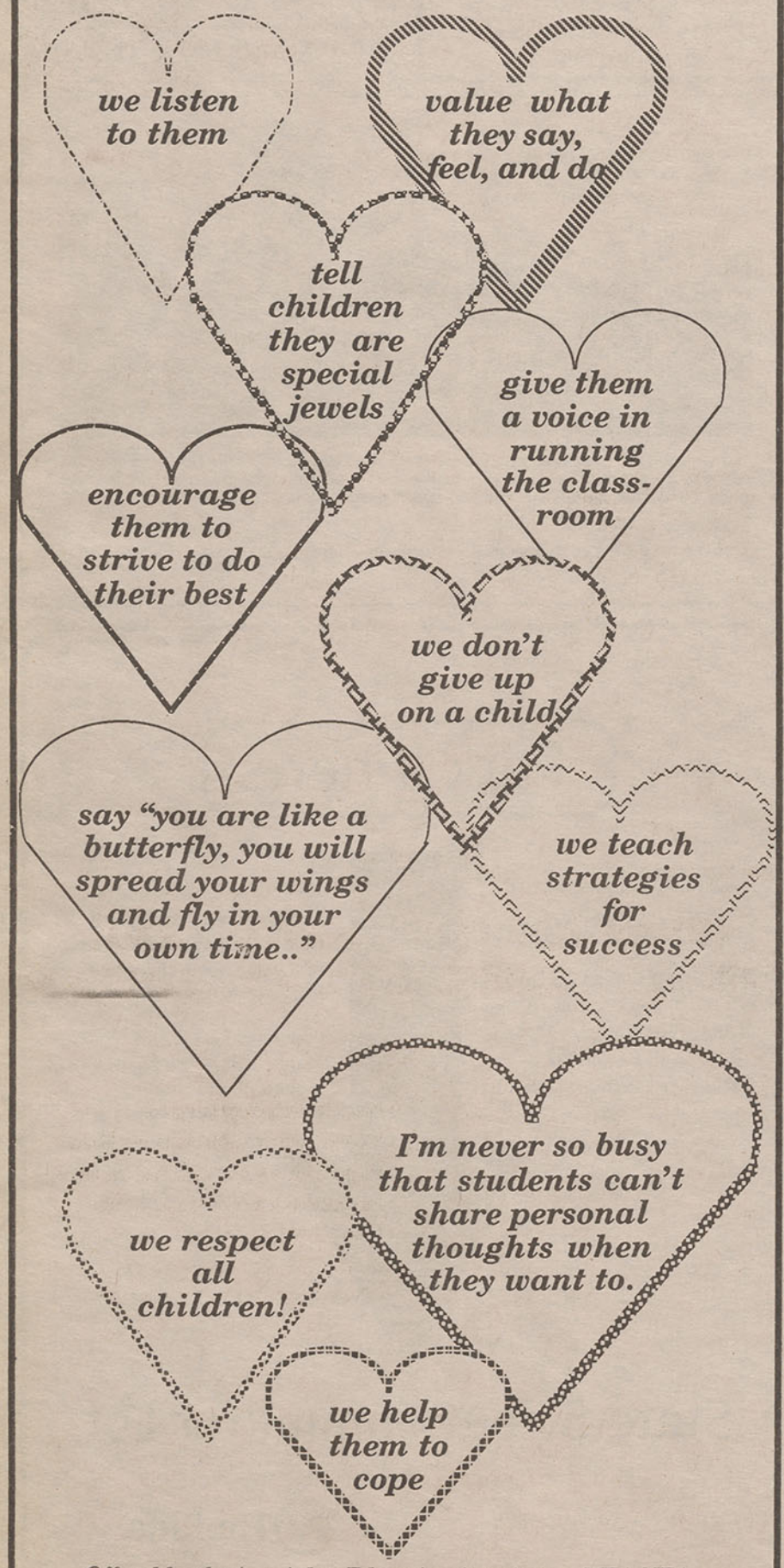
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12 FRIDAY

"Valentine Bake Sale/Arts and Crafts Sale": Northeast Senior Center. Sale of baked goods and artworks by members of this lively senior center. *8:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Domino's Farms, 30 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr. (off Earhart Rd. north of Plymouth Rd.). Free admission. 996–0070.*

★**Annual Kiss-In: U-M Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Affairs.** Same-sex couples are invited to turn out for this annual celebration of their love. This is the conclusion to "Visibility Week," a series of gay pride events for the U-M campus and larger community. *Noon, U-M Diag. Free. For details on Visibility Week, call 763–4186.*

★**"Bring Your Lunch and Learn a Bunch": U-M Turner Geriatrics Center.** Attorney Madison Sloan discusses **"Legal Services for Seniors."** Bring a bag lunch. *Noon–1 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Ikebana International.** All invited to learn about the Japanese art of floral arrangement. Today, members demonstrate two different schools of ikebana design. *1 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 971–6501.*

★**The Yiddish Group: Jewish Community Center.** All invited to listen to readings and discuss Yiddish literature selections TBA. Also, singing of Yiddish songs. *1:30–3 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

★**"Interrogating the Construction of 'Confucianism' ": U-M Center for Chinese Studies.** University of Colorado–Denver Chinese studies professor Lionel Jensen participates in a panel of scholars from the U-M and around the country to discuss issues raised by *Manufacturing Confucianism,* his startling study showing how Confucianism, as commonly understood, is largely the invention of 17th-century Portuguese Jesuit missionaries. *1:30–4:45 p.m., Michigan League Koessler Library. Free. 764–6308.*

★**28th Annual Raoul Wallenberg Lecture: U-M College of Architecture and Urban Planning.** Lecture by the renowned Columbia University architectural historian **Kenneth Frampton,** cofounder of the architectural magazine *Oppositions.* His new book, *Studies in Tectonic Culture: The Poetics of Construction in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Architecture,* counters the postmodern infatuation with surface style by emphasizing instead the art of producing practical, pleasing, habitable designs. This lecture celebrating architecture as a humane social art honors the memory of U-M architecture school alumnus Raoul Wallenberg, who saved more than 100,000 Hungarian Jews during the Holocaust before disappearing in the Soviet gulag at the end of WWII. *6 p.m., U-M Art & Architecture Lecture Hall (room 2104), 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., North Campus. Free. 764–1300.*

"Winter Evening at Cobblestone Farm": Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival. A variety of activities throughout the restored 1844 Ticknor-Campbell farmhouse, including 19th-century adults' and children's games, storytelling, and seasonal craft projects. Refreshments. *6–9 p.m., Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard (next to Buhr Park). $2 (families, $8; children under 3, free). 994–2928.*

"Moonlight Serenade": Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival. Cross-country skiing on lighted, groomed paths. Weather permitting. *6:30–9 p.m., Huron Hills Cross-Country Ski Center, 3465 E. Huron River Dr. at Huron Pkwy. $2.50 trail fee. Ski rentals (includes trail fee) $6 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & over, $3.75). 971–6840.*

"Hearts for the Arts": Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra/U-M Health System Heart Care Program. Champagne reception, dinner, and live auction of original art and memorabilia contributed by local and national artists, local merchants, and celebrities. Also, displays and information on pediatric heart care. Concludes with dancing to big band music by the Couriers. Proceeds benefit both organizations' youth outreach programs. *6:30 p.m. (reception), 7:30 p.m. (dinner and auction), Crowne Plaza Ann Arbor, 610 Hilton Blvd. (near I-94 and S. State). $85. For reservations, call 994–4801.*

★**"Icon": Gallery 212.** Opening reception for this juried group theme exhibit of multimedia artworks exploring the notion of an "icon." *7–11 p.m., Gallery 212, 212 S. Main. Free. 665–8224.*

★**"The Spiritual Meaning of Crisis": Great Lakes Pathwork.** All invited to join an informal group reading and discussion of a lecture on the spiritual and psychological discipline known as the Pathwork, as channeled by the late Eva Pierrakos. Printed lectures available at the meeting site. *7 p.m., Co-Housing Common House, 424 Little Lake Dr. Free. 665–6231, 663–5853.*

★**Faculty Art Exhibit: Concordia College.** Opening reception of an exhibit of metalsmithing by Ken Schmidt, paintings by Beth Steinkellner, graphic designs by Mark Wentzel, and photography by Richard Buesing. *7–9 p.m., Concordia College Kreft Center for the Arts, 4090 Geddes Rd. at Earhart. Free. 995–4612.*

U-M Women's Basketball vs. Illinois. *7:30 p.m., Crisler Arena. $5 (youths under 18, $3). 764–0247.*

"Mack Pool Luau": Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival. Mack Pool is transformed into a tropical paradise—or a passable facsimile of one. Tropical food, games & prizes, and other activities. Swimming. *7:30–9 p.m., Mack Pool, 715 Brooks at Miller. $2.50 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & older, $1.50). 994–2898.*

★**Monthly Bardic Night: Druids of Shining Lakes Grove.** All invited to join local pagans in an evening of free-form drumming, singing, poetry, and storytelling. *7:30–11 p.m., Inter-Cooperative Council Education Center, 1522 Hill St. (in the carriage house behind the co-op buildings). Free. 487–4931.*

★**"Your Life": Older Lesbians Organizing 2nd Friday Discussion.** All invited; newcomers welcome. Also, OLO hosts a potluck at a nearby farm on February 27 (call Jan at 428–8824). *7:30 p.m., Common Language Bookstore, 215 S. Fourth Ave. Free. 482–2996.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Professional Volunteer Corps.** All singles 25 and older invited to join this organization that provides volunteers for various community projects. Each month, members vote on which service projects to sponsor and plan upcoming social outings. Preceded at 7 p.m. by socializing and orientation for newcomers. *7:30 p.m., NEW Center, 1100 N. Main. Free. 747–6801.*

Empatheater. This local theater group directed by psychologist Sara Schreiber invites audience members to write down their concerns and life situations, which the actors use as a basis for improvisation. Theatergoers watch their stories come alive. This month's topic: **"Hearts Afire."** Schreiber describes the process as "a combination of psychodrama, improvisational theater, and drama therapy." *7:30 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets $10 & $12 (students, $7) in advance and at the door. 769–2999.*

★**Advanced Study Group: Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor.** *February 12 & 26.* All invited to join this ongoing study group to discuss Rudolf Steiner's book, *Karmic Relationships,* Vol. IV. Familiarity with Steiner's basic ideas required. *8–9:30 p.m., 33 Ridgeway (one block east of the Arb entrance on Geddes). Free. 662–6398.*

★**Jake Lamar: Shaman Drum Bookshop.** A New York City native currently living in Paris, Lamar is the author of the acclaimed memoir *Bourgeois Blues* and the controversial political novel, *The Last Integrationist.* Tonight he reads from ***Close to the Bone,*** a story set during the summer of the O.J. Simpson trial that explores the intertwining lives of three couples whose private lives begin to mirror the public spectacle of the trial. Following the reading, Lamar signs copies of his books. Refreshments. *8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

★**"Black History Month Choral Concert": EMU Music Department.** Two EMU music-student ensembles, the **University Choir** and **Chamber Choir,** are joined by guest soloists and ensembles for a concert of choral and solo works by African and African-American composers. *8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.*

★**Chamber Choir, Wind Ensembles, and Symphony Band: U-M School of Music.** H. Robert Reym conducts these music-student ensembles in a program that includes the German neoclassic composer Paul Hindemith's *Apparebit Repentina Dies,* American composer Peter Mennin's *Canzona,* and two works by U-M music professor emeritus Leslie Bassett, *Lullaby for Kirsten* and the world premiere of *Wood and Reed Transformed,* with bassoon soloist Richard Beene. *8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

Angel Caravan Coffeehouse: Aurora Borealis Productions/GoodArts Project. See 5 Friday. Tonight: **Nightfire,** a blend of poetry, dance, and music by the choreopoetry ensembles of Kalaea McKee, Raven, and sword dancer Irena. 8–9:30 p.m.

Joel Mabus: Green Wood Coffee House Series (First United Methodist Church). This MSU grad is regarded by his peers as one of the hottest pickers on the folk circuit. A virtuoso on guitar, banjo, mandolin, and fiddle, Mabus is also an excellent songwriter, known for his trenchant humor and eclectic

"folkabilly" style. "Mabus is everything a modern string player should be—versatile, innovative, tasty, and funny," says Martin Keller of the *Twin Cities Reader*. His 1997 CD *Western Passage* is an all-instrumental suite for solo guitar that blends 19th-century American folk melodies with original tunes. Snacks & coffee. *8 p.m., FUMC Green Wood Church, 1001 Green Rd. at Glazier Way. $8 at the door only. 662–4536, 665–8558.*

Dick Siegel: The Ark. This veteran local singer-songwriter is an immensely gifted and versatile composer whose songs offer all sorts of immediate pleasures, both serious and comic, as well as a resonant staying power. He was one of the winners of the prestigious songwriting competition at the 1991 Kerrville (Texas) Folk Festival, and a later Kerrville performance provoked *Austin Chronicle* reviewer Steve Brooks to single him out as the "most musically sophisticated of the new folkies." His early hits like "Angelo's" and "What Would Brando Do?" still get lots of Michigan airplay, and his national reputation has gotten a big boost from his Schoolkids' CD, *Angels Aweigh*. In concert you can expect to hear familiar favorites, along with songs Siegel has been collecting for his next recording. He performs tonight with a band that includes keyboardist David Cook, bassist Jeff Reynolds, and others TBA. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $12.50 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and (beginning two weeks before the show) at SKR Pop & Rock and Herb David Guitar Studio; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS*

"3rd Annual Evening of Cabaret": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. *February 12 & 13.* AACT members and other local artists present cabaret performances of everything from show tunes to contemporary pop in this very popular annual fund-raiser, which sold out last year. *8 p.m., Ann Arbor Civic Theater, 2275 Platt Rd. at Huron Pkwy. (south of Washtenaw). $15 in advance and at the door. 971–AACT.*

The Merce Cunningham Dance Company: University Musical Society. *February 12 & 13 (different programs).* When Merce Cunningham first appeared in Ann Arbor with his dance company in 1971, he was booed off the Hill Auditorium stage—one of many incidents that prompted Mikhail Baryshnikov to observe that Cunningham "reinvented dance and then waited for the audience." Today, Cunningham is the world's most influential living choreographer. His innovative works— often collaborations with such modern composers and visual artists as Jasper Johns, Andy Warhol, and John Cage—regularly push the envelope of the body's expressive potential. Tonight: Three recent works, including one with music by John Cage, one in collaboration with Comme Des Garcons fashion designer Rei Kawakubo, and "Pond Way," a work that *New York Times* reviewer Jennifer Dunning calls "one of Mr. Cunningham's serenely lyrical 'nature' dances." *Note: The Ann Arbor Art Center is offering a series of classes examining aspects of Merce Cunningham's work, February 6–13 (994–8004). 8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $18–34 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

★**Teen Night: The Neutral Zone/Ann Arbor Teen Center.** See 5 Friday. Tonight: **Karaoke Night.** 8 p.m.–midnight.

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940": P.T.D. Productions. See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Egyptian Rat-Screw": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** See 11 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

"Our Country's Good": U-M Theater Department. See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

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Wayne Cotter: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 11 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

★**Susan Weidman Schneider: Hillel.** Talk by this noted Jewish feminist, editor of *Lilith* magazine. Tonight's talk is the keynote address for a weekend conference on Jewish women's issues, **"Kol Isha: The Voice of Women,"** which also includes free public events tomorrow night (see listing). *8:30 p.m. Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Free. For information on registering for the conference, call 747–8851 or 769–0500.*

"Swing of Hearts": Friends of the Michigan League. Swing dancing to a live band TBA. Preceded at 3 p.m. by swing dance lessons. *9–11:30 p.m., Michigan League Ballroom. $8 (students, $5) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and at the door. 763–4652. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

FILMS

M-FLICKS. "Edward Scissorhands" (Tim Burton, 1990). Striking fable, visually beautiful, about a man-made boy adopted by a cheery suburban Avon Lady. Johnny Depp. $3. Nat. Sci. 7 & 9 p.m. **MTF. "Central Station"** (Walter Salles, 1998). See 7 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:30 p.m.

13 SATURDAY

"Blizzard Ball Scramble": Ann Arbor Parks Department. Six holes of golf (in snow, weather permitting). Each golfer plays their foursome's best ball, including putts. Prizes to winning men's, women's, and coed teams, and for longest drive and closest to the pin. Hot Sloppy Joes and cake for all participants after play is completed. *9 a.m., Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver Rd. $48 (includes greens fee and food) per 4-person team. Preregistration required by February 5. Participants receive a starting time when they register. 994–1163.*

★**Work Day: U-M Nichols Arboretum.** All invited to help combat invasive shrubs in an ongoing effort to restore the Arb's Dow Field prairie. Also, discussion of prairie ecosystems and restoration techniques. Bring work gloves, outdoor clothing, and clippers if you have them. Rain or shine. Hot cocoa, snacks and tools provided. *9 a.m.–noon, meet on the east end of Dow Field near the railroad tracks. Free. 763–3466.*

★**Ice Carving Extravaganza: Main Street Area Association/Ann Arbor Culinary Association.** Area chefs fashion huge blocks of ice into elaborate sculptures, which will remain on display as long as the weather holds. *9 a.m.–5 p.m., Main Street area. Free. 668–7112.*

Monthly Show: Huron Gun Collectors. *February 13 & 14.* Some 100 dealers and collectors offer guns, knives, ammunition, and other hunting equipment, including antiques and collectibles. Food concessions. *9 a.m.–5 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Admission $3 (members, $1). (810) 227–1637.*

"The Card Show": Ann Arbor Community Center/Youth Services. Some 20–30 card dealers from throughout Michigan and out of state offer a vast array of sports and other collector cards. Door prizes. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Ann Arbor Community Center, 625 N. Main. Admission $1. 662–3128.*

★**"The Field of Spirit."** Local spiritual channeler, healer, and counselor Sandra Shears introduces the concepts of direct experience, active meditation, energy healing, lightbody activation, spiritual sexuality, multidimensionality, and other topics. *10 a.m.–noon, location TBA. Free; donations accepted. 484–4840.*

★**"Magdalena Abakanowicz and the Mindless Crowd": U-M Museum of Art.** Opening of this sculpture installation of enigmatic groups of atrophied human figures by this important Polish artist. The exhibit features *Flock II*, a group of 35 burlap-and-resin bodies whose facelessness evokes vulnerability to tyranny. In conjunction with a major international conference April 7–10 sponsored by the U-M Center for Russian and East European Studies, marking the 10th anniversary of the fall of Communism in Poland. Related event: lecture by Harvard humanities professor Ewa Lajer-Burcharth (see 21 Sunday). *10 a.m.–5 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764–0395.*

★**Lurie Engineering Building Tour: New Art League Second Saturday.** Architectural tour led by Jim Henrichs, who helped create this North Campus landmark designed by U-M architecture grad Charles Moore. *11 a.m., Lurie Engineering Building Lobby, 1221 Beal Ave., North Campus. Free. 647–2064.*

★**Annual Meeting: Michigan Human-Powered Vehicle Association.** Talks, seminars, and displays on everything from bicycle racing and bike building to recumbent bicycles. Includes display of a 1,500-speed (!) bicycle. Also, displays of solar-powered vehicles. *Noon–3 p.m., Wines Elementary School, 1701 Newport Rd. Free. 487–9058.*

★**"How to Write Your Story: The Basics of Writing Fiction": Detroit Black Writers Guild.** Guild members offer tips on character development, plotting, dialogue, and other fictional techniques. Guild members on hand also sign copies of their books for sale in the store. *1–3 p.m., Originations, Courtyard Shops, 1671 Plymouth Rd. Free. 662–9197.*

★**"Out of Africa: Plants from the African American Experience": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** See 6 Saturday. Today's special events: Lecture-demonstration (3 p.m.) by the **McKenney Family** on the influence of African culture on jazz and other forms of American music. 1–4 p.m.

★**Donald Gelpi: St. Mary's Student Chapel.** Lecture with discussion by this Jesuit School of Theology (Berkeley, California) historical and systematic theology professor, the renowned author of *The Conversion Experience* and other writings on the human experience of God, particularly within the Christian sacramental tradition. In conjunction with

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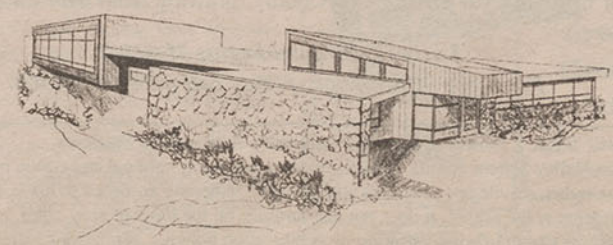

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Salif Keita
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Will the real Salif Keita please stand up? That's how I felt a few years back, when I met one of Afropop's living legends. He wasn't anything like what I'd been expecting.

For years, I had been listening to Keita's critically acclaimed albums, some heavily influenced by 1950s and 1960s American jazz, others showing touches of reggae, salsa, and traditional Malian melodies. On records, and reportedly on stage, his voice was one of the most powerful on the planet. Yet when I met the Malian legend at his suburban Paris home, Keita told the story of his life in mumbles and whispers.

He was born into a Malian royal family. "My family didn't want me to go into music. They wanted me to do something 'respectable,' like study business," he whispered. As a teenager, he had to sneak away from home to rehearse with his friends, until he eventually decided to run away. It was strange listening to him tell his story. On stage, colleagues had told me, his energy level was almost superhuman, yet in private he barely reached a couple of decibels.

When I finally saw him in concert several months later in Toronto's open-air Harbourfront Centre, it was the Keita that everyone had been raving about: a booming voice with one of the widest tonal ranges you'll ever hear, electrifying dance moves, flashy West African costumes, and his trademark mix of Malian, salsa, reggae, and jazz beats.

Keita is indeed three people. On his albums he is a meticulous singer and composer who often goes a bit too far, sacrificing a feeling of spontaneity for that "perfect" (a.k.a. overproduced) African dance sound. In private he is an incredibly shy man, uncomfortable with his superstar status. On stage he is a man possessed, a middle-aged Malian with so much energy that if he turned off his microphone, his electrifying voice could still fill a several-thousand-seat theater.

Keita's stage band, like the ones on many of his records, is an all-star cast of West Africans, including Ousmane Kouyate on guitar, Moriba Koita on n'goni (a small, four-stringed traditional bass-toned West African guitar), and Toumani Diabate on kora (a twenty-one-stringed harp-lute played by West African griots, a caste of oral storytellers). All have successful solo careers, and several times throughout the evening, each musician took turns dazzling the Toronto audience with solos of traditional Malian music. Of the three Salif Keitas, my favorite is the one who was on stage that night.

Salif Keita performs at EMU's Pease Auditorium on Saturday, February 20.

—Dan Rosenberg

St. Mary's 75th jubilee year celebration. *1:30–3:30 p.m., St. Mary's Student Chapel, 331 Thompson. Free. 663–0557.*

Victorian Valentine Tea: Kempf House Center for Local History. *February 13 & 14.* An elegant, traditional tea served on the Kempf House's antique silver service. Period attire welcome. The house is decorated throughout with Victorian valentines and features an exhibit of Victorian dolls. This popular annual event usually sells out in advance. *2 & 4 p.m., Kempf House, 312 S. Division. $12. Reservations required. 994–4898.*

★**"Selling Your Home from Marketing to Closing": Nicola's Books.** Talks on house-selling strategies by ReMax realty agent Mary Gilbert, attorney Michael Schroer, and Bank of Ann Arbor senior mortgage loan officer Kim Clugston. *2–3:30 p.m., Nicola's Books (Little Professor), Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–4110.*

★**"Clifford Storytime": Barnes & Noble.** Clifford the Big Red Dog is on hand to tell kids stories about some of his adventures. *2 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

★**"The Michigan Underground Railroad": Ann Arbor District Library.** An interactive program hosted by **Detroit Storyliving,** a Detroit ensemble whose educational outreach programs use music, mime, and dramatic role-playing. Audience members, portraying plantation slaves and "conductors," explore the difficult choices that faced local participants in the Underground Railroad. Suitable for third-graders through adults. *2–3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 994–2342.*

"Buhrrr Fest": Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival. Public skating, a bonfire with all the ingredients to make s'mores (a confection of graham crackers, chocolate bars, and marshmallows), door prizes, and more. Special events include T-shirt designing (bring your own T-shirt), an ice cream eating contest, ice navigating with orienteering compasses, "Antarctic Octopus Tag," and broomball, a variant of ice hockey (helmets required, some provided). *2:30–4:30 p.m., Buhr Park Ice Rink, 2751 Packard Rd. $3 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & over, $2.50). 971–3228.*

★**"African Americans: Past, Present, and Future": Originations.** Talk by U-M history grad student Pervis Brown. Refreshments. *3:30–5:30 p.m., Originations, Courtyard Shops, 1671 Plymouth Rd. Free. Reservations required. 662–9197.*

★**Open House: University Lowbrow Astronomers.** *February 13 & 20.* A chance to join local astronomy buffs for a look at the sky through instruments at the Peach Mountain Observatory. The observatory's huge, 24-inch McMath telescope is operational, but participants are nevertheless encouraged to bring their own telescopes. Visitors must turn off all electronic equipment (car radios, transmitters, cellular phones, etc.) at the observatory entrance. Program canceled if sky is overcast at sunset. *5 p.m.–12:30 a.m. (as long as the sky remains clear), Peach Mountain Observatory, North Territorial Rd. (about 1 1/4 miles west of Hudson Mills Metropark). Free. 480–4514.*

"10th Annual Burns Supper": Scottish Association of Southeast Michigan. This annual celebration of the renowned Scottish poet features the traditional "toast to the haggis" (a Scottish sausage), country and Highland dance performances, bagpipe music, singing, poetry recitations, and more. Dinner features traditional Scottish fare and a vegetarian alternative. Highland attire encouraged but not required. Cash bar. Free child care available (reservations required). A portion of the proceeds goes to provide scholarships to a Scottish arts camp for area youths. *6 p.m., Clarion Hotel, 2900 Jackson Rd. $29. Reservations required by February 8. 973–1828.*

"Owl Prowl": Leslie Science Center (Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival). Howell Nature Center and Leslie Science Center staff members present a program that includes hikes, owl calling, presentations with live owls, a campfire, and games. *6:30–8:30 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. $5 (families, $20). 662–7802.*

"Kids' Night Out!": Jewish Community Center. All kids in kindergarten through age 10 invited to enjoy a pizza dinner, make-your-own sundae, sports in the gym, ping-pong, arts & crafts activities, movies with popcorn, and more. *6:30–10:30 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). $18 (JCC members, $15), $12 (JCC members, $10) for additional siblings. Reservations required by February 8. 971–0990.*

★**"Gospelfest IX."** Hundreds of area singers are expected to participate in this gospel concert, which in the past has drawn up to 400 singers representing more than 40 congregations from around southeast Michigan. The massed children and adult choirs are joined this year by dancers from the local Christian Dance Network. Directed by Seattle-based conductor Stephen Newby and area conductors Stanley Waldon, Geoff Stanton, John Reese, Linda Jones, and Mike Swanigan. The concert is the culmination of a daylong workshop (nominal fee includes music, a T-shirt, and supper). *6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1200 N. Ann Arbor St. (Saline–Ann Arbor Rd.), Saline. Free. 429–4730. To participate in workshop and concert, call Jean Wilson at 439–8462.*

Game Night: Druids of Shining Lakes Grove. All invited to join local pagans for an evening of games, snacks, socializing, and door prizes. Bring your favorite game to play. *7–11 p.m., 4793 Sandstone Pass, Apt. #2B (in Pines of Cloverlane Apts., off Michigan Ave. just south of I-94), Ypsilanti. $6 at the door. 487–4931.*

★**"Egyptian Rat-Screw": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** See 11 Thursday. 7 p.m.

★**"Kol Isha: The Voice of Women": Hillel.** See 12 Friday. Tonight's free public events include a concert by the a cappella group **Kol Hakavod** (7:30 p.m.), storytelling by Jewish feminist critic **Ellen Frankel** (8 p.m.), and a drum circle led by **Lori Fithian** (9 p.m.; bring your own percussion instrument). *7:30–11 p.m. Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Free. For information on registering for the conference, call 747–8851 or 769–0500.*

"Valentine Skate": Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival. All ages invited to skate to rock 'n' roll records played by a DJ. *8–9:30 p.m., Veterans Ice Arena, 2150 Jackson Rd. $4.25 (youths age 17 & over and seniors age 60 & over, $3.50). Skate rentals available ($2). 761–7240.*

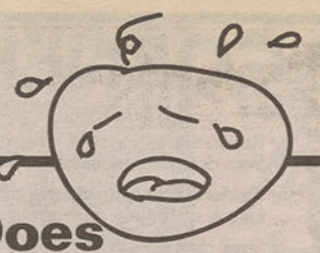
14th Annual Mardi Gras Celebration: Washtenaw Community College/WEMU-FM/The Earle. An evening of fun and frolic in the New Orleans tradition, complete with Mardi Gras beads, doubloons, and masks. Guests are encouraged to come in costume; prizes awarded for best costumes. Music by the **Dirty Dozen Brass Band,** an acclaimed New Orleans ensemble that has pioneered a raucous modernization of traditional New Orleans music that features breakneck tempos and a repertoire from bebop to R&B. Preceded by local saxophonist and horn player **Paul Klinger** and his **Easy Street Band.** Patrons can also opt for an all-you-can-eat dinner ($100 or more donation) before the event. *8 p.m.–midnight, WCC Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets $25 in advance by calling 487–2229 or 973–3360.*

"Ballroom Dancing Night": Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Department. Ballroom dancing to recorded music from the 40s through the 80s. Preceded at 7 p.m. by an introduction to basic dance steps and ballroom dancing styles by Sue Baries, Washtenaw County's best-known ballroom dance instructor. All invited, singles as well as couples. Refreshments. *8–10:30 p.m., Pittsfield Twp. Hall, S. State at Ellsworth. $3. 996–3056.*

"Blue Heaven 1920s Ball": Grand Traditions Vintage Dance Academy. The romantic event of the season. Come with or without a Valentine (or meet a new one!) and enjoy heady Jazz Age dancing with music by the Huron Valley Serenaders. "Roaring 20s" attire encouraged, but not required. Dancers of all abilities welcome. Also, pre-ball workshops (free for those attending the ball) in the one-step foxtrot (all levels), 1–2:30 p.m., and the Peabody (advanced), 2:30–4 p.m. Also: ice cream social. *8–11 p.m. Pittsfield Grange Hall, Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Ann Arbor (1/2 mile south of I-94 exit 175). $20. Preregistration required. 429–0014.*

Second Saturday Contra Dance. Don Theyken calls to music by the Sharon Hollow String Band. No partner needed. Beginners welcome. *8–11 p.m., Webster Community Hall, across from Webster Church on Webster Church Rd. (1 mile south of North Territorial), Dexter. $6. 996–8359.*

"Music in Freud's Vienna": Kerrytown Concert House "Classical" Series. A gala evening featuring pianist U-M music faculty pianist Louis Nagel, mezzo-soprano (and KCH director) Deanna Relyea, and a U-M student string quartet performing music heard in Freud's turn-of-the-century Vienna. The program ranges from Johann to Richard Strauss, with Mahler, Wolf, and more. With historical commentary by U-M



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psychology professor George Rosenwald. Followed by afterglow with Viennese pastry. *8 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10, $15, & $25 (students, $8). Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

Garnet Rogers: The Ark. This veteran Canadian folkie is known for his resonant baritone and his poetic, emotionally potent original songs. His performances also include superb interpretations of songs by the likes of Bob Franke, Archie Fisher, and Bill Caddick. He accompanies himself on guitar, fiddle, flute, and synthesizer. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $12.50 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and (beginning two weeks before the show) at SKR Pop & Rock and Herb David Guitar Studio; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"3rd Annual Evening of Cabaret": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 12 Friday. 8 p.m.

The Merce Cunningham Dance Company: University Musical Society. See 12 Friday. Tonight: "Min-Event," a mixture of recent and early formalist work. Also, "Ground Level Overlay," one of several recent Cunningham works featuring computer-created choreography; and "Sounddance," an explosive work that offers a turbulent visual equivalent of Joyce's *Finnegans Wake.* 8 p.m.

Teen Night: The Neutral Zone/Ann Arbor Teen Center. See 5 Friday. Tonight: a **Valentine's Day Dance.** 8 p.m.–midnight.

"Our Country's Good": U-M Theater Department. See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940": P.T.D. Productions. See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Wayne Cotter: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 11 Thursday. 5:45, 8:15, & 10:45 p.m.

Strangefolk: Prism Productions. Semi-acoustic jam-oriented rock 'n' roll by this Vermont quartet whose music assimilates blues, bluegrass, and folk elements. They recently released their Mammoth debut CD, *Weightless in Water. 10:30 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Tickets $6 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets; $8 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666; for information, call 996–8555.*

FILMS

MTF. "The Last Emperor" (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1987). *February 13–14.* Director's cut of the celebrated film telling the true story of Chinese emperor Pu Yi, crowned at age three and cloistered in the astoundingly beautiful Forbidden City until the cultural revolution. Nine Academy Awards. Mich., 2:30 p.m. **CG. "A Hard Day's Night"** (Richard Lester, 1964). The Beatles star in their first film, an imaginative, visually arresting fictional version of a typical day in their life. Features "Can't Buy Me Love," "And I Love Her," other early Beatles songs. Nat. Sci., 7 p.m. **"Repulsion"** (Roman Polanski, 1965). Unsettling psychological shocker about a repressed girl's mental deterioration after being left alone for days in her sister's apartment. Catherine Deneuve. Nat. Sci., 8:45 p.m. **MTF. "Central Station"** (Walter Salles, 1998). See 7 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:30 p.m.

14 SUNDAY

Monthly Gathering: Second Sunday Schmoozers. All Jewish singles invited to meet new friends over brunch. *11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Sweet Lorraine's restaurant, 303 Detroit St. Free (pay for your own food). 973–8699.*

★U-M Wrestling vs. Purdue. *1 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, Hoover at S. State. Free. 764–0247.*

Kids' Open Mike: Oz's Music. Kids of all ages and all musical abilities are invited to play, sing, or just observe. *1 p.m., Oz's Music Environment, 1920 Packard. Minimum donation: 25¢. Call ahead to reserve a space. 662–8283.*

★"The Music of George and Ira Gershwin": Chaverim B'shirim. This local Jewish choir performs Gershwin tunes written for Broadway shows and Hollywood movies, along with selections from *Porgy and Bess.* Includes solo performances by David and Susan Gitterman, Laurie MacLean, Jane Pitt, Len Poma, and Sue Rebner. Keyboard accompanist is Jessica Madow. *1 p.m. Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

★"Out of Africa: Plants from the African American Experience": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens Conservatory Tour. See 6 Saturday. Today's special events: **West African songs** (3 p.m.) by U-M music student Felicia Sandler. 1–4 p.m.

"Hiking the Long Trail": Waterloo Natural History Association. Veteran local backpacker "Grandma" Verna Soule introduces a 90-minute video of her 265-mile hike with three other seniors through the mountains of Vermont. *2 p.m., Gerald E. Eddy Geology Center, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Geology Center is on the left.) $2 (families, $5; WNHA members, free). Preregistration required. $4 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit ($20 per year). Advance reservations required. 475–3170.*

★"Orchids and Ikebana": Ann Arbor Orchid Society. Talk and demonstration by Jane Dye of the Ohara School of Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging. Also, orchid display and sale. *2–5 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 761–5859.*

★"Roses 101": Huron Valley Rose Society Monthly Meeting. Discussion on rose growing in Michigan, with emphasis on novice growers. Also, a consulting rosarian takes questions. Refreshments. *2 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 996–3892.*

★Shape Note Singing: The Ark/Ann Arbor Sacred Harp. All invited to join an afternoon of shape note, or sacred harp, singing, a form of communal hymn singing that has its roots in colonial America. Songbooks available, but singers are encouraged to bring their own. *2–5 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 747–9644, 761–1451.*

★Monthly Meeting: Friends of Four-Hand Piano. Pianists of all abilities invited to bring their music for a casual afternoon of performing duets. An opportunity to meet other pianists and find partners for four-hand and two-piano music. Listeners welcome. *2 p.m., location TBA. Free. 663–3942, 665–2811.*

"Our Country's Good": U-M Theater Department. See 11 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940": P.T.D. Productions. See 11 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 2 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"And to Think the Grinch Stole Valentine's Day": Dance Ensemble of Michigan. Studio 1 director TeDee Theofill directs this independent local ensemble of 35 young dancers in her ballet based on Ann Arborite David Zuppke's original story adapting Dr. Seuss, with the Grinch, Max the Dog, and a chorus of dancing Whos. Narrated by popular local New Age vaudevillian **O. J. Anderson.** *2 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $10 (children 10 & under, $8) in advance at Studio 1 (220 S. Main) and at the door. 995–1747.*

★U-M Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association Concert: U-M School of Music. A varied concert including vocals, pipe organ, synthesizer, and instrumental music. *3 p.m., Blanche Anderson Moore Organ Recital Hall, Music School Bldg., 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–0594.*

★"A Taste of Judaism": Temple Beth Emeth. *February 14, 21, & 28.* Rabbi Robert Levy and educator Bobbi Heilveil lead a 3-part course for "Jews by choice, non-Jews, and others interested in learning the basics of Judaism." Each session consists of a theological discussion led by Levy, followed by a discussion of holiday observances led by Heilveil. Baby-sitting available. *4–6 p.m., Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard. Free. Reservations required by February 12. 665–4744.*

Maxim Vengerov: University Musical Society. Siberia's "coolest export," master violinist Vengerov is universally regarded as one of the world's leading artists. He gave his first public recital when only 5 years old, and today, at 24, is hailed as the kind of talent that comes along once in a century. According to a *London Times* reviewer, he delivered "a performance of such unbridled passion and energy that it provoked one of the world's most stolid audiences to rise as one from their seats, pounding the floor and yelling for more." He is accompamied by pianist Igor Uryash. Program: Brahms's Sonata No. 2 in A Major, Prokofiev's Sonata No. 1 in F Minor, Schubert's Fantasia in C Major, and works by Ravel, Rachmaninoff, and others. *4 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets $14–45 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

"Those Were the Days: A Valentine's Day Songfest": Kerrytown Concert House. Beautiful love songs, novelty tunes, swing pieces, and singalongs from the first half of the century. Performers:

Award-winning conductor and U-M grad Annunziata Tomaro leads Ann Arbor's Phoenix Ensemble's premiere concert, Sun., Feb. 21.

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the traditional barbershop quartet **Devine Harmony,** the local vaudeville singing duo **The Happiness Boys,** and **Those Were the Days,** a local acoustic ensemble, better known as the Ethnic Connection klezmer ensemble, that tonight performs songs from the 30s and 40s. *4 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10 & $7 (students, $5). Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

★**"Booked for Murder": Nicola's Books.** All invited to discuss Janice Steinburg's *Deathfire's Dance* and Martha Lawrence's *Murder in Scorpio. 5–6 p.m., Nicola's Books (Little Professor), Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 769–2149.*

"The Thousand Names of Love": Ellipsis Theatre Ensemble. Ellipsis director Joanna Hastings is joined by Michelle Murphy, Scott Screws, and Troy Sill for a moving, often hilarious kaleidescope of scenes, skits, songs, and poems on everyone's favorite Valentine's Day preoccupation. *7 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10 (students, $7). Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

Valentine's Swing Ball: Michigan Union Program Board. All invited to a dance party with music by a student DJ. No partner necessary. *Note:* People not affiliated with the U-M are not admitted to the Michigan Union after 9 p.m., but if you arrive before 9 p.m., you may remain through the end of the evening. *9 p.m.–midnight, Pendleton Room, Michigan Union. $2 at the door. 763–5750.*

FILMS

MTF. "Dancing at Lughnasa" (Pat O'Connor, 1998). *February 14–15 & 17–20.* Lushly poignant drama of five unmarried sisters in a tiny Irish village. Keen, emotional, and delicate performances with dazzling cinematography. From the director of *Circle of Friends.* Meryl Streep. Mich., 3 & 5 p.m. **"The Last Emperor"** (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1987). See 13 Saturday. Mich., 7 p.m.

15 MONDAY

★**"Valentine Lunch": Northeast Senior Center.** All seniors invited for lunch and socializing. Followed at 1 p.m. by cards. *Noon, Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. (off N. Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). Free, but donations accepted. Reservations requested for lunch and/or the card party. 996–0070.*

★**Open House: The Neutral Zone/Ann Arbor Teen Center.** All parents, teachers, and other interested adults are welcome to meet organizers and learn about programs at this new teen center. *3–7 p.m., The Neutral Zone, 637 S. Main St. (old Ark bldg.). Free. 214–9995.*

★**"Ataturk Creates a Republic": U-M Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies.** Talk by U-M professor of Near Eastern studies James Stewart-Robinson. *4 p.m., 1636 School of Social Work Bldg., 1080 S. University Ave. Free. 764–0350.*

★**"The ABC's of Alzheimer's: An Orientation": Alzheimer's Association.** Overview of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and discussion of common questions and concerns for caregivers. *6–8 p.m., Alzheimer's Association, 3810 Packard Rd., Suite 240. Free, but preregistration requested. 677–3081, (800) 337–3827.*

"Bread Tasting and Lecture": Zingerman's Bakehouse. Zingerman's Bakehouse owner Frank Carollo talks about the history of Zingerman's bread making, leads a tour of the Bakehouse, and offers taste samples of various Zingerman's breads. Proceeds donated to Food Gatherers, a local organization that collects excess fresh food from restaurants and markets to distribute to local shelters and other organizations with food programs. *7–9 p.m., Zingerman's Bakehouse, 3711 Plaza Dr. $15. Space limited; reservations required. 761–2095.*

★**"A Taste of Biodynamic Gardening": People's Food Co-op.** Slide-illustrated talk, with taste samples, by Ann Elder and Paul Bantle, members of Community Farm, a local communally owned organic farm. *7–8:30 p.m., People's Food Co-op, 216 N. Fourth Ave. Free. Preregistration required. 769–0095.*

"Moving Beyond the Basics": Ann Arbor District Library. Introduction to the finer details of using a web browser, including using bookmarks, saving to disk, and how to evaluate websites. Open to all AADL cardholders. *Note:* A free version of this class (preregistration required), with less hands-on opportunity, is offered at the Loving Branch (February 3, 7 p.m.). *7 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library training center (3rd floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. $5. Preregistration required. 327–4550.*

★**Asha Bandele: W. K. Kellogg Foundation/U-M Program in Women's Studies/U-M English Department/U-M Art School.** Reading by this poet, author of the just-published *Prisoner's Wife: A Memoir* and *Absence in the Palms of My Hands.* In conjunction with the Art by Michigan Prisoners exhibit (see 9 Tuesday). *7 p.m., Rackham Amphitheater. Free. 665–5369.*

★**"Butterfly-Plant Interactions": Michigan Botanical Club.** Talk by U-M Nichols Arboretum environmental education coordinator Mike Kielb. *7:45 p.m., Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road. Free. 971–6261.*

★**Tobin Siebers: Shaman Drum Bookshop.** This U-M English professor reads from ***Among Men,*** his funny, poignant memoir exploring what it means to be a male. Following the reading, Siebers signs copies of his books. Refreshments. *8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

Orpheus Chamber Orchestra: University Musical Society. Deemed "the best chamber orchestra this nation has ever produced" by *Fanfare* magazine, the Orpheus is unusual in that it performs without a conductor. It was founded 25 years ago by a group of freelance musicians in New York dedicated to the idea that all its members are equal. During performances, each musician moves between principal and secondary parts, and seating is rotated between pieces. Joining the group is world-renowned guitarist **Pepe Romero,** second son in a family of guitarists known as "The Royal Family of Guitar." Program: Vivaldi's Concerto in D Major for Guitar and Strings, Shostakovich's String Symphony No. 8, Turina's "La oracion de torero," and works by Elgar and Giuliani. *8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Tickets: $22–$36 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

★**"Effectively Dealing with and Recovering from Divorce": Counseling Resources of Ann Arbor.** Talk by local social work therapist Bob Egri. Also this month, Egri discusses **"Neurofeedback and the Treatment of ADD, Depression, Anxiety, and Bipolar Disorder"** (February 16), and **"Overcoming the Wounds of Growing Up in a Dysfunctional Family"** (February 17). *8:15–9:15 p.m., location TBA. Free. Reservations requested. 665–6924.*

FILMS

FV. History of World Cinema Series. "Rashomon" (Akira Kurosawa, 1950). Oscar-winning classic about four contradictory accounts of a rape-murder given by the people involved. Mich., 4:10 p.m. **MTF. "Dancing at Lughnasa"** (Pat O'Connor, 1998). See 14 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9 p.m.

16 TUESDAY

"Searching the World Wide Web": Ann Arbor District Library. A hands-on introduction to web search and metasearch engines and subject directories. Open to all AADL cardholders. *Note:* A free version of this class (preregistration required), with less hands-on opportunity, is offered at the West Branch (February 5, 8:30 a.m.). *9:30 a.m., Ann Arbor District Library training center (3rd floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. $5. Preregistration required. 327–4550.*

★**"A Contribution to the African American Saga: Nurse! Sistah! Soldier!": U-M Commission for Women Brown Bag Lunch.** Talk by U-M psychiatric nursing professor **Elizabeth Allen,** a former army nurse in Vietnam who also served as a consultant to the TV series *China Beach,* even appearing in a couple of episodes. *Noon–1 p.m., Michigan League Michigan Room (2nd floor). Free. 936–7634.*

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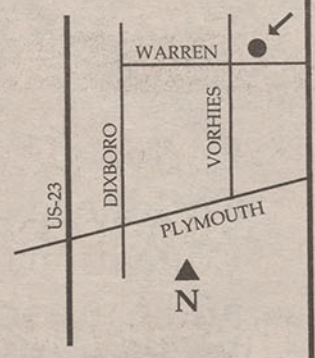

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"The Children of Incarcerated Parents": Washtenaw Area Council for Higher Education Luncheon Lecture Series. Talk by local social worker Joyce Dixson. *Noon–2 p.m., Balas III Bldg. Conference Room D, 2765 Boardwalk. $5 includes buffet lunch. Reservations required. 761–7071.*

★**"Envisioning the Future of Higher Education: Perspectives from the Top": U-M Rackham Graduate School.** All invited to talks by speakers addressing the controversial role of research in higher education. Speakers include U-M president **Lee Bollinger,** University of Phoenix president Jorge Klor de Alva, and Association of American Universities president Nils Hasselmo. *3–5 p.m., Rackham Amphitheater, 4th floor. Free. 647–2655.*

★**"Low-Fat Tuesday Party": Whole Foods Market.** Celebrate Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) with taste samples of low-fat party foods. *4–7 p.m., Whole Foods Market, Lamp Post Plaza, 2398 E. Stadium. Free. 971–3366.*

"The Importance of Love and Laughter": American Business Women's Association MAIA Chapter. Dinner and a talk by motivational speaker Kate Zawodni. Preceded at 5:30 p.m. by a social hour. *6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn North Campus, 3600 Plymouth Rd. $15. For reservations, call Mary Wheeler at 434–3159.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Area Knitters Club.** Knitters of all experience levels invited to this monthly group to knit and share techniques and ideas. *7–9 p.m., Brookhaven Manor, 401 S. Oakbrook Dr. Free. 971–0013.*

★**Purim Family Fun Night: Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor.** Musical entertainment by HDS music teacher **San Slomovits,** a member of the nationally renowned local acoustic duo Gemini, and other activities TBA. All invited, but geared toward current and prospective HDS families. *7 p.m., 2937 Birch Hollow Dr. Free. 971–4633.*

★**"Jazzistry": Ann Arbor District Library.** Lecture-demonstration on the history of jazz music and culture by veteran alto saxophonist **Vincent York,** who is joined by several other Detroit jazz musicians. In conjunction with the library's celebration of African-American history month. *7–8:30 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 994–2342.*

★**"Human Factors in Environmental Design": Sierra Club Monthly Meeting.** Talk by local architect John Barrie. Followed by refreshments and socializing. All welcome. *7:30 p.m., Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 665–7345.*

★**Middle School Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All middle school students (grades 6–8) invited to join Barnes & Noble bookseller Lisa Sayles to discuss Carol Fenner's ***Yolanda's Genius,*** an award-winning tale of a young girl's efforts to convince the world of her shy younger brother's musical genius. *8 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

★**University Symphony Orchestra: U-M School of Music.** Kenneth Kiesler conducts this music-student orchestra in Finnish composer Sibelius's popular Symphony No. 2 in D. Also, two Debussy nocturnes and a concerto performed by a winner of the annual music-student concerto competition. *8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

FILMS

FV. Alien Eye Series. "Paris, Texas" (Wim Wenders, 1984). Wrenching drama about a man lost for four years who tries to rebuild his family ties. Memorable Ry Cooder soundtrack. FREE. Mich., 7 p.m.
HILL. "Prisoner of Honor" (Ken Russell, 1991). Drama about the Dreyfus Affair that scandalized France at the turn of the century. Richard Dreyfuss. FREE. Hillel, 8 p.m.

17 WEDNESDAY

"The Morning Edition": Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce. This popular monthly program features a buffet breakfast and a series of 5-minute updates from local business and community leaders. Speakers and topics: Plante & Moran information technology manager Scott Eiler discusses **"Y2K: Is the Sky *Really* Falling?"** University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development CEO Doug Van Houweling on **"Internet 2: The Next Generation,"** Mainstreet Ventures partner Mike Gibbons on **"The Eatery Market: Will We Burst Before It Does?"** Chamber of Commerce Center for Public Policy chair Jim Kosteva on **"A Public Policy Moment: Issues and Answers,"** public schools superintendent search firm chair Anthony Derezinski on **"Looking to Fill the Shoes of Ann Arbor's Toughest Job,"** Ann Arbor Street Art Fair executive director Shary Brown on **"Forty Years and Counting."** The program is videotaped for showing on cable channel 9. *7 a.m.–8:45 a.m., Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd. $25 (members, $15). Preregistration requested. 214–0104.*

★**Brown Bag Matinee: Washtenaw Community College.** Bring a lunch to this concert of light operatic and musical theater selections by local soprano **Julia Broxholm,** with piano accompaniment by WCC musical theater producer Ron Fracker. *Noon–1 p.m., WCC Towsley Auditorium, 4800 W. Huron River Dr. Free. 973–3519.*

★**New Member Orientation: Parents Without Partners.** All divorced, widowed, separated, and never-married parents are invited to learn about the activities of this local PWP chapter. *7 p.m., location TBA. Free. 973–1933.*

"What We Love Takes Us to Our Creative Vein of Gold": Artist's Way Cafe. All invited to join for conversation and creative activities based on Julia Cameron's best-selling book, *The Artist's Way. 7–9 p.m., Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. $7 at the door. 747–9191, 665–0409.*

★**"Historical Reflections on the Figure of the Difficult Woman: Gynecology on Trial in Turn-of-the-Century Brooklyn": Institute for Research on Women and Gender.** Talk by U-M history professor Regina Morantz-Sanchez, an award-winning teacher and author. *7 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 764–9537.*

★**Public Screening: Ann Arbor Film Festival.** All invited to view films submitted for entry in next month's 1999 Ann Arbor Film Festival. *7 p.m.–midnight, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 995–5356.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Michigan Archaeological Society.** Speaker and topic TBA. Open to anyone interested in archaeology. *7:30 p.m., 2002 Modern Languages Bldg. Free (annual dues, $25). 995–8806.*

★**"Salamanders": Washtenaw Audubon Society Monthly Meeting.** Slide-illustrated talk by club member Allen Chartier. All invited. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 994–6287.*

★**"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library.** See 7 Sunday. Tonight: ***Paradise,*** Nobel laureate Toni Morrison's complex, ambitious, deeply spiritual, and often disturbing 1998 novel about an all-black township in Oklahoma. *7:30–8:30 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library lower-level Muehlig Room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Preregistration required. 327–4560.*

★**Open Mike Poetry Night: Barnes & Noble.** All poets invited to bring samples of their work for the group to critique. Hosted by local poet Lawrence Thomas. *7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

"The Tempest": Community High School. *February 17–20.* Malcolm Tulip directs Community High students in Shakespeare's culminating work, a visionary romance set on a magical island ruled by the enigmatic but benevolent sorcerer Prospero and his beautiful daughter Miranda. Prospero is in fact the exiled Duke of Milan, who conjures up a storm that shipwrecks his old enemies upon his island. *The Tempest* is filled with verse and song (including the famous "Full fathom five") and contains some of Shakespeare's most gorgeously haunting poetry. Cast: Ed Weymouth, Joe Tuttle, Temu Nana, Lorin Fries, Claire Mannle, Lisa Bleyaert, and Jeff Ashem. *8 p.m., Community High School Craft Theater, 401 N. Division. (Parking available in the lot behind the school, N. Fifth Ave. at Detroit St.) $7 (students & seniors, $5) at the door only. 994–2021.*

"Oedipus the King": EMU Theater Department. *February 17–21.* EMU drama professor Wallace Bridges directs EMU students in Kenneth Cavander's translation of Sophocles' classical Greek tragedy. The visual staging of this production is set in ancient Egypt, where the Oedipus story seems to have originated as an urban legend associated with the pharaoh Akhenaton. *8 p.m., Quirk Theater, Ford St., EMU campus, Ypsilanti. (Take Huron River Dr. east to Lowell St. Take Lowell to Ford St. and turn right onto Ford. The theater is on the left, with parking on the right.) Tickets $5 (Thurs.), $10 (Wed., Fri., & Sat), $8 (Sun.) in advance; $7 (Wed. & Thurs.), $12 (Fri. & Sat), $10 (Sun.) at the door. Group discounts available. 487–1221.*

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

FILMS

MTF "Dancing at Lughnasa" (Pat O'Connor, 1998). See 14 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9 p.m.

18 THURSDAY

★**International Neighbors.** Program TBA. International Neighbors is a 40-year-old group of local

singer-songwriter

Stacey Earle
Eat your heart out, Nashville

Stacey Earle's debut CD, *Simple Gearle,* has the lure of a good novel. This album of country-folk songs by, yes, Steve Earle's little sister gets under the skin and takes up residence.

In a thin, high voice that manages to sound both innocent and exhausted, Earle gently carries us through thirteen cuts of exquisitely spare melodies, rendered rich by careful, subtle arrangements by the Jewels, her band. The writing is a curious, eccentric blend of nonnarrative, nonlinear storytelling that's really everyday poetry. I like it a lot—everything from the album rocker "Cried My Heart Out" to the strange, sly "Weekend Runaways."

Someone who makes an album like this has to have an interesting story. Earle, a native of San Antonio, Texas, came to Nashville in 1990 following the breakup of her marriage. She and her two young sons moved in with brother Steve. Within two weeks she was singing backup and heading off on a world tour. She's been writing and performing ever since, including a stint as a staff writer for a Nashville publishing house (where she penned Sammy Kershaw's "For Years" and other songs she won't admit to). But her own songs sustained her in nonfinancial ways, and the more she played them for people, the more confident she became. Maybe someday soon those in the know in Nashville will abandon the formulaic dross that passes for country music on the radio these dark days and let songs like Stacey Earle's through. I'm not holding my breath, but America is ready. Maybe if we stage a protest or something?

Lucky for us, Earle's being booked by Ann Arbor's own Fleming, Tamulevich, & Associates. They've teamed up with the Ark to present a series of FREE concerts showcasing their lesser-known artists on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Earle will be there on February 23, backed up by her husband, songwriter Mark Stuart. See ya there.

—Kate Conner-Ruben

women organized to welcome women from other countries during their stays in Ann Arbor. Its membership currently includes 756 women from 82 countries. Nursery care provided for preschoolers. Refreshments. *9:30–11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church Piper Hall, 1501 W. Liberty. Free. 769–0587.*

★**"Kindermusik": Ann Arbor Area Piano Teachers Guild.** Lecture and keyboard demonstration by Marygrove College faculty member Sue Vanderbeck Lenz. *10 a.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 665–5346.*

★**"Preschool Toy Test and Coffee Klatch": Learning Express.** Local child development specialist Dody Viola discusses toys as learning aids with moms while their kids try out some Learning Express toys. *10–11:30 a.m., Learning Express, Westgate Shopping Center, 2465 W. Stadium. Free. Space limited; preregistration required by January 13. 997–0707.*

★**Michigan Theater Tour: American Association of University Women Monthly Meeting.** Michigan Theater Foundation executive director Russ Collins leads a tour and discusses the 1928 movie palace's ongoing restoration. *1:30 p.m., Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. Free. 677–1332.*

★**"Tea at Three": U-M Turner Geriatrics Center.** All seniors age 50 & older invited for tea, cookies, and conversation. *3–4 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

★**"Promoting and Sustaining Success in a Changing World": U-M Business School Women's Leadership Lecture.** Lecture by **Connie Duckworth,** the managing director of the fixed income, currency, and commodities division at Goldman, Sachs, & Co. A leader in raising awareness of equity issues in the workplace, she was instrumental in creating the first child care center at Goldman Sachs, and was named by *Working Mother* magazine as one of the 25 "Most Influential Working Mothers" in 1997. *4:30–6 p.m., U-M Business School Hale Auditorium, 701 Tappan. Free. 998–7080*

★**Robert Boswell: U-M English Department Visiting Writers Series.** Reading by this New Mexico State University creative writing professor, and novelist *(American-Owned Love, Mystery Ride, Crooked Hearts)* acclaimed for writing about ordinary life with passionate intensity. *5 p.m. Rackham Amphitheater. Free. 764–6296.*

Monthly Meeting: New Enterprise Forum. Talks on entrepreneurial issues by guest speakers, showcase presentations by emerging companies, and an open forum in which entrepreneurs can introduce themselves and solicit help for their business needs. This month's speaker: local software developer **Ted Annis,** who is also honored as the Entrepreneur of the Year. All invited. *5 p.m. (registration), 5:30 p.m. (meeting), Michigan Manufacturers' Technology Center Bldg., 2901 Hubbard at Huron Pkwy. $15 (members, free). 214–0104.*

★**African American Book Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to discuss ***A Lesson Before Dying,*** Ernest Gaines's award-winning novel about the bond forged between a young teacher and a wrongly accused man on death row. *6:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.*

★**Open House: Ann Arbor Christian School.** A chance to tour the facilities, meet the staff, and learn about the curriculum of this interdenominational Christian school for children in grades K–5. *7–8:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Christian School, 1717 Broadway near Plymouth. Free. 741–4948.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Society for Origami.** All invited (children and adults) to learn about and try their hand at origami, the ancient, elegant Japanese art of paper folding. *7–9:30 p.m., Church of the Good Shepherd, 2145 Independence (off Packard). Free. 434–5152.*

★**"Naturopathic Nourishment for the Heart": People's Food Co-op.** Talk by local naturopathic physician Michele Loewe. *7–8:30 p.m., People's Food Co-op, 216 N. Fourth Ave. Free. Preregistration required. 769–0095.*

U-M Men's Basketball vs. MSU. *7:30 p.m., Crisler Arena. $12 & $15. 764–0247.*

★**"How Relaxation Can Enhance Your Health and Productivity."** *February 18 & 25.* Talk by local hypnotherapist Anne Mininberg. *7:30–8:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. Reservations requested. 665–7813.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Michigan Association of American Mothers.** All women invited to join a lively discussion on family and parenting issues. Meeting includes a presentation (topic TBA) followed by small discussion groups. *7:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1385 Green Rd. Free to visitors ($25 annual dues for those who join). 741–8336.*

★**General Meeting: Ann Arbor Democratic Party.** Discussion topic TBA. All invited. *7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Community Center, 625 N. Main. Free. 480–4986.*

★**African American Book Discussion Group: Packard Community Clinic.** All invited to discuss a book by an African American author TBA.

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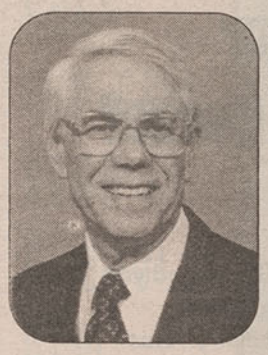

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★**"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library.** See 7 Sunday. Tonight: ***The Aguero Sisters,*** Cristina Garcia's novel about the reunion of two long-estranged Cuban sisters, one of whom escaped to America and assimilated into her adopted country's culture as completely and deeply as she could, while the other stayed in Cuba, where she became a skilled electrician and a staunch supporter of the revolution. *7:30–8:30 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library Northeast Branch, Plymouth Mall, 2713 Plymouth Rd. Free. Preregistration required. 996–3180.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Washtenaw Linux Users Group.** All invited to discuss issues related to Linux, a Unix-like alternative to Microsoft operating systems for Intel, Alpha, and PowerPC microprocessors. *8 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Technical & Industrial Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 995–1125.*

★**"A Cappella": Michigan League Underground Spotlight Thursdays.** See 4 Thursday. Tonight: **The Harmonettes,** a U-M Women's Glee Club quartet; **The Good News,** a Christian student chorus; and **KopiToneZ,** a chorus of students from Singapore. *8 p.m., Michigan League Underground. Free. 763–4652.*

★**Barnhill Band: EMU Music Department.** Concert by this 75-piece EMU town-gown ensemble, directed by Jerry Robbins. Program TBA. *8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.*

John Scofield Quartet: Prism Productions. A former member of the Miles Davis Group who formed his own band in 1985, this jazz guitarist and composer has evolved an original style that blends traditional jazz with blues, rock, and country strains. Scofield is a five-time winner of the #1 Guitar Player award in both *Downbeat* polls, and his band won the #1 Electric Band award in 1994. His current quartet includes Larry Goldings, Steve Logan, and Bill Stewart. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $20 in advance at SKR Pop & Rock, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; $18 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.*

★**"Boys' Life": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** *February 18–20.* Michael Rubenstone directs fellow U-M students in Howard Korder's hip, urban coming-of-age story. *Evening time TBA, Arena Stage (basement of Frieze Bldg.), 105 S. State St. Free. 764–6800.*

"The Tempest": Community High School. See 17 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

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Jim Hamm: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. *February 18–20.* High-energy, fast-paced observational humorist with a distinctively original point of view. Preceded by two opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. Tickets $8 (Thursday) & $10 (Friday & Saturday) in advance and at the door. Group rates and other discounts available. 996–9080.*

FILMS

MTF. "Dancing at Lughnasa" (Pat O'Connor, 1998) See 14 Sunday. Mich., 7 p.m. **"Elizabeth"** (Shekhar Kapur, 1998). *February 18–20.* Resplendent, pseudo-biographical costume melodrama about the fiery young Elizabeth I slowly hardening to a calculating, stony monarch. Intricate and enjoyable plot. Cate Blanchett *(Oscar and Lucinda).* Mich., 9 p.m. **U-CLUB. "Amistad"** (Steven Spielberg, 1997). Gripping tale of human courage and treachery on a slave ship. Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins. FREE, but people not affiliated with the U-M must arrive before 9 p.m. Michigan Union, 9 p.m.

19 FRIDAY

★**"Coffee with the Board": Ann Arbor Public Schools.** All parents and other interested folks invited to discuss school issues with local school board trustees. *7–9 a.m., Bach School, 600 W. Jefferson. Free. 994–2236.*

"The Firebird": Wild Swan Theater. *February 19–21.* This award-winning local children's theater presents a repeat performance of Russia's most famous folktale, back by audience demand. In the course of a perilous journey to recover the dazzling Firebird, young Prince Ivan must overcome the horrible witch Baba Yaga, Koschey ("worst ogre in all of Russia"), and Sistchik the Snake King. Appropriate for ages 5 and older. As with all Wild Swan productions, the performance is interpreted in American Sign Language. Audio description and backstage "touch" tours are available by prearrangement for blind audience members. *10 a.m. and 12:30 & 7:30 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets $8 (children, $6) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS. To arrange tours or audio description, call 995–0530.*

★**"Reproductive Politics, the State, and Social Control: Lessons from Ceausescu's Romania": U-M Anthropology Department.** Lecture by UCLA sociology professor Gail Kligman. Reception follows. The lecture is a memorial to the late U-M anthropology professor Sharon Stephens. *Noon, 1636 U-M School of Social Work Bldg., 1080 South University. Free. 764–7274.*

★**"Fly the Friendly Web: Travel Planning with the Internet": Ann Arbor District Library.** Introduction to a variety of websites of interest to those planning business trips or vacations, or looking for the lowest fare. *3 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library West Branch, Westgate Shopping Center, 2503 Jackson Ave. Free. Preregistration required. 994–1674.*

★**"Benjamin Britten: The Politics of a Musical Life": U-M Ethel Curry Distinguished Lecture in Musicology.** Lecture by Philip Brett. *4 p.m., School of Music Bldg., 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–0594.*

21st Annual Lenten Fish Fry: Old St. Patrick's Church. *Every Friday from February 19 through March 26.* Fried Alaskan pollack, choice of potato, salad bar, and beverage. Desserts available for a nominal additional charge. Beer & wine for sale. Be prepared to stand in line, but the food is worth the wait. *4:30–8:30 p.m., Old St. Pat's Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd. at Northfield Church (3 miles north of Ann Arbor). $6 (seniors, $5.50; children 5–11, $4.75; children 4 & under, free). 662–8141.*

★**"Pushing the Envelope: New Developments in Photography": Ann Arbor Art Center.** Opening reception for this exhibit of experimental photography by Marge Pacer, John Harnois, and Lisa Steichmann. Related events include an exhibit-based dance performance by Detroit Dance Collective (see 26 Friday) and a workshop ($10) for ages 12 and up exploring the exhibited works' meanings with writing, drawing, and dance (February 27, 1–3 p.m.). *6–8 p.m., Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. Free. 994–8004, ext. 101.*

Dinner/Dance Fund-raiser: Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Dinner is followed by dancing to vintage swing by the popular **Saline Big Band.** Proceeds to help fund a new elevator to improve handicap accessibility at the church. *6 p.m. (dinner), 7:30–9:30 p.m. (dancing), Emmanuel Lutheran Church hall, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti. $25 (children under 12 & seniors, $20) in advance and at the door. 482–7121.*

★**"Owls: Whooo's Out There?": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs.** Hudson Mills naturalist Faye Stoner presents a slide program on owls, followed by an evening owl-calling hike. Dress for the weather. *6:30 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. Free. (Park entry fee: $3 per vehicle.) Preregistration requested. 426–8211.*

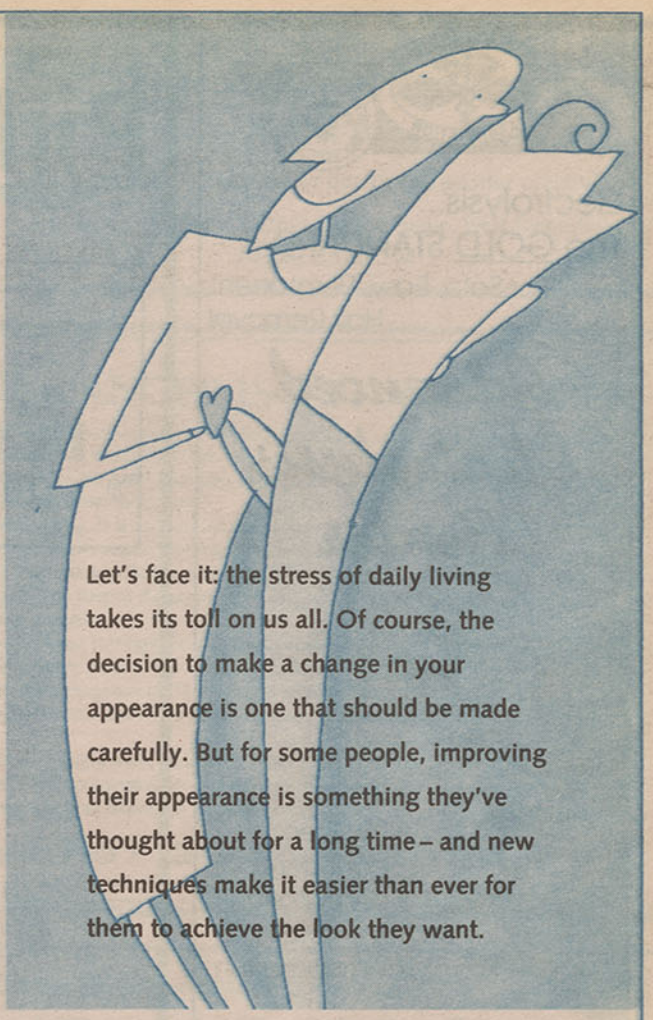
★**Marilyn Zimmerman: U-M School of Art & Design Photo-Active Feminist Visiting Artists Lecture Series.** Talk by this Michigan photographer, who documented Detroit's Woodward Avenue and fought censorship. *7 p.m., Art and Architecture Bldg. Lecture Hall (room 2104), 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., North Campus. Free. 936–2082.*

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. *February 19–21 (different opponents).* This Ann Arbor–based program features 46 of the best 16- and 17-year-old American ice hockey players under the guidance of U.S. National coach Jeff Jackson. The program fields two teams—the Under-17 Team and the Under-18 Team—that play full schedules from October through March against teams from the top American junior leagues (players ages 18–21) and against comparable European national teams. Today: **Team USA Under-18 vs. Omaha** of the U.S. Hockey League. *7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Dr. at Scio Church Rd. $6 (students & children, $3). 327–9254.*

★**U-M Wrestling vs. Penn St.** *7:30 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, Hoover at S. State. Free. 764–0247.*

U-M Women's Basketball vs. Iowa. *7:30 p.m., Crisler Arena. $5 (youths under 18, $3). 764–0247.*

"Winter Term Dance Party": U-M Ballroom Dance Club. Dancing to recorded music played by a DJ. All couples and singles invited. *7:30–11 p.m.,*



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★**Monthly Meeting: Viva Ventures.** All physically active seniors (age 50 and over) invited to help plan and organize hiking, biking, canoeing, camping, skiing, or white-water rafting excursions. *7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. For information, call Bud Tracy at 663–3077.*

★**Monthly Meeting: University Lowbrow Astronomers.** Speaker and topic TBA. *7:30 p.m., 807 Dennison Hall, 501 East University. Free. 426–2363.*

★**"Audience Participation Night": Ann Arbor Train & Trolley Watchers.** All invited to "show and tell" their favorite railroad slides for up to 10 minutes. *8 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church social hall, 306 N. Division ("just up the hill from the Amtrak station"). Free. 996–8345, 971–8329.*

Third Friday Dance: Balance and Swing. Contras, squares, and mixers to live music by David West and Donna Baird, with callers Susan English, Dave Sebolt, & Friends. No partner necessary; dancers of all levels welcome. Preceded at 7:30 p.m. by lessons for beginners. *8–11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). $6 (students, children, and anyone who brings a homemade dessert, $5). 995–5872.*

★**James Ellroy: Shaman Drum Bookshop.** This critically acclaimed best-selling crime novelist, author of *L.A. Confidential,* reads from ***Reportage and Fiction from the Underside of L.A.,*** his new collection of noir tales set in L.A. Ellroy has been described as a "crime writer of unusual range and ambition" for whom "crime is an underlying reality." Following the reading, Ellroy signs copies of his books. Refreshments. *8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

Angel Caravan Coffeehouse: Aurora Borealis Productions/GoodArts Project. See 5 Friday. Tonight: pianist-vocalist **Matt Schmitt & Friends** perform pop-rock. 8–9:30 p.m.

Orchestra Concert: EMU Music Department. The EMU Symphony Orchestra and Women's Chorus present a multimedia performance of Gustav Holst's popular symphonic suite, *The Planets. 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. $5 (students, $3) in advance and at the door. 487–1221.*

Solas: The Ark. Led by multi-instrumentalist Seamus Egan on banjo, flute, and tin whistle, this virtuoso quintet is the hottest of several young Irish bands who play traditional Celtic music with an expansive contemporary edge. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $16 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and (beginning two weeks before the show) at SKR Pop & Rock and Herb David Guitar Studio; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

Meryl Tankard Australian Dance Theater: University Musical Society. *February 19 & 20.* Ann Arbor debut of this troupe led by Australian modern dance pioneer Meryl Tankard, an award-winning choreographer known for the raw physicality and rough-edged virtuosity of her work. The program features *Furioso,* a concert-length work exploring contemporary relationships between men and women in terms of the Greek myth of the Furies. The female dancers, at first passive before their male counterparts, gradually grow livelier until, in the work's spooky finale, they soar above the earth-bound men. *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $16–$32 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.*

Teen Night: The Neutral Zone/Ann Arbor Teen Center. See 5 Friday. Tonight: **Jazz Night.** 8 p.m.–midnight.

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940": P.T.D. Productions. See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

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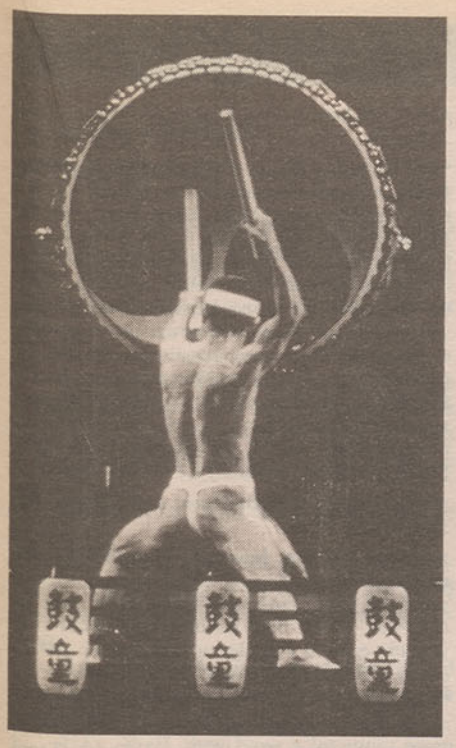

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"Oedipus the King": EMU Theater Department. See 17 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

Jim Hamm: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 18 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

★**"Oneg Shabbat with Ralph Williams": Hillel Conservative Minyan.** Desserts and a talk by U-M English professor and religion instructor Williams, a renowned biblical scholar who is an erudite and engaging speaker. *8:30 p.m. (approximate time; follows Shabbat services at 6 p.m.) Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Free. 769–0500.*

★**"Reproductive Rights for All Women": SKR Blues & Jazz.** In-store performance celebrating the release of this 2-CD recording by **Arwulf Arwulf & the Sonnenlicht Project.** It features local polymath and cultural troublemaker Arwulf's jazz-influenced poetry, a species of eco-feminist cultural archaeology that blends a visionary expansiveness with a sly, offbeat humor. It is set to an experimental free-jazz soundscape that's performed tonight by three of the four musicians who appear on the CD, veteran local bassist Ted Harley and two former members of the groove-oriented avant jazz ensemble Transmission, clarinetist Stuart Bogey and drummer Andrew Kitchen. *8:30 p.m., SKR Blues & Jazz, 523 E. Liberty. Free. 827–2340.*

Mose Allison: Prism Productions. *February 19 & 20.* A chance to hear this legendary 70-year-old jazz pianist, singer, and composer in an intimate setting. Allison, who first came to fame in the late 50s as a kind of quintessential hipster, is best known for his acerbic, blues-steeped original compositions, including "I'm Not Talkin'," "Seventh Son," "Your Mind Is on Vacation," "I Don't Worry 'bout a Thing," and "One of These Days." Allison's latest Blue Note CD, *Gimcracks & Gewgaws,* is highlighted by "Old Man Blues," a characteristically wry inversion of his early composition "Young Man Blues," a song made famous by the Who in the 60s. *9 & 11 p.m., Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley. Tickets $15 in advance at SKR Pop & Rock, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; $20 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666*

"Elections Dance": Parents Without Partners. All divorced, widowed, separated, and never-married parents invited for an evening of dancing and socializing. Recorded music played by a DJ from Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Smoking allowed in designated areas. *9 p.m.–1 a.m., Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. $7 (PWP members, $5). 973–1933.*

Friday Dance Jam: People Dancing Studio. See 5 Friday. 10 p.m.

FILMS

CCS. "Happy Together" (Wong Kar-Wai, 1997). Bittersweet love story about a couple that tries to save their relationship by making a fresh start in Argentina. Cantonese, subtitles. FREE. Children under 12 not admitted. AH-A, 8 p.m. **MTF. "Dancing at Lughnasa"** (Pat O'Connor, 1998). See 14 Sunday. Mich., 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. **"Elizabeth"** (Shekhar Kapur, 1998). See 18 Thursday. Mich., 5:00 p.m.

20 SATURDAY

★**Monthly Meeting: MacTechnics.** All Macintosh computer users invited to join this networking organization. Presentation topics TBA. Also, small groups representing more than a dozen special interests meet concurrently to share tips and information. Beginners welcome. Coffee and socializing. *9 a.m.–noon, Electrical Engineering/Computer Science Bldg., Beal Ave. (off Bonisteel Blvd.), North Campus. Free. 971–8743.*

★**Open House: Ann Arbor Institute of Massage Therapy.** A chance to learn about this local Michigan Board of Education–licensed school that offers an 11-month massage therapy program, with specialties in myofascial and neuromuscular therapies. Also, free seated massages, door prizes, refreshments. *10 a.m.–1 p.m., 2835 Carpenter Rd. Free. Reservations requested by February 16. 677–4430.*

Saturday Physics: U–M Physics Dept. *February 20 & 27.* Informative talks for the general public. 10:30–11:30 a.m, *170 Dennison Physics & Astronomy Bldg., 501 East University. Free. 764–4437.*

★**GoodArts: Aurora Borealis Productions.** See 6 Saturday. Today: Folk guitarist and vocalist **Keith Parmentier** performs acoustic instrumentals, with Irish and other Celtic influences. 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

★**"Faces of Nigeria": Originations.** This celebration of African-American history month includes a Yoruba language lesson (12–1 p.m.), a lesson in African headwrapping (1–2 p.m.), a slide-illustrated talk on Hausa embroidery (2–3 p.m.), and a display and sale of Ibo art (2–6 p.m.). Refreshments. *Noon–6 p.m., Originations, Courtyard Shops, 1671 Plymouth Rd. Free. 662–9197.*

★**"Knowing Our Natural Landscape": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs.** Hudson Mills naturalist Faye Stoner leads a winter botany hike to look for 3 species of dogwood, identify some grasses, and gather and identify winter wildflowers. *1 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. Free. (Park entry fee: $3 per vehicle.) Preregistration requested. 426–8211.*

★**7th Annual Chinese New Year Celebration: Main Street Area Association.** All invited to join the traditional **Lion Dance** and follow a giant lion puppet as he blesses downtown businesses to welcome the Year of the Rabbit. Also, **Chinese calligraphy** artists draw your name in Chinese at Generations (337 S. Main) and try **Chinese paper cutting** at Collected Works (317 S. Main). *1–3 p.m., meet in front of Champion House restaurant (120 E. Liberty at S. Fourth Ave.). Free. 668–7112.*

★**"Photography": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local photographer Bob Foran demonstrates photography techniques. This event kicks off an AADL **photography contest** held in conjunction with the National Library Week celebration in April. Amateur (youth and adult) and professional photographers are invited to submit photographs illustrating the theme "Beyond Words: Celebrating America's Libraries." *2–3 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room (lower-level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Preregistration required. 327–4560.*

★**J. Conrad Guest: Nicola's Books.** This local mystery-romance novelist *(January Paradigm)* discusses and signs copies of his new novel, *One Hot January. 2 p.m., Nicola's Books (Little Professor), Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–4110.*

"The Firebird": Wild Swan Theater. See 19 Friday. 2 p.m.

★**Bittersweet Endings: Journeying Through the Uncoupling Process.** Professional therapists Nan White and Jill Lawrence discuss positive ways to end relationships and reach closure. *4 p.m., location TBA. Free. Reservations required. 604–1674.*

★**"Animania": U-M Japanese Animation Film Society.** Monthly 6-hour festival of Japanese animation. Features *Key the Metal Idol,* the fascinating story of a robot girl who must make 30,000 friends to become human. Also, *Kodomo no Omocha,* a tale of the bubbly daredevil Sana Kurata and the world's most horrible classroom, *Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind, Mahou Tsukai Tai* ("Magician Club"), and more. Japanese, subtitles. Half-hour break and a raffle midway through the showing. *U-M campus admission policy:* No one under 18 admitted without an adult. *4–11:30 p.m., Modern Languages Bldg., Auditorium 3, 812 E. Washington at Thayer. Free. For more information, E-mail animania@umich.edu, or visit the website at www.umich.edu/~animania*

★**Open House: University Lowbrow Astronomers.** See 13 Saturday. 5 p.m.–12:30 a.m. (as long as the sky remains clear).

★**U-M Men's Gymnastics vs. Massachusetts.** *7*

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"B's Birthday Bounce": Kerrytown Concert House. A popular annual tradition in which Ann Arbor's world-renowned blues pianist **Mark "Mr. B" Braun** celebrates his birthday month. An exuberant, powerful performer whose repertoire includes both boogie-woogie and blues classics and originals in the same mold, Mr. B has performed and recorded with world-class artists such as the late drummer J. C. Heard and Detroit percussionist Roy Brooks. He is joined tonight by two local jazz luminaries, bassist Paul Keller, leader of several local jazz ensembles, and drummer Pete Siers. *7 & 9 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets $10, $15, & $25. Reservations suggested. 769–2999.*

★**"Boys' Life": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** See 18 Thursday. 7 p.m.

★**Annual Meeting: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice.** Discussion of the group's various peace and justice projects and showing of *Arms for the Poor*, a half-hour documentary about U.S. weapons exports. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by potluck dinner. *7:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church Activity Center, 2250 E. Stadium. Free. 663–1870.*

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 19 Friday. Today: **Team USA Under-18 vs. Omaha** of the U.S. Hockey League. 7:30 p.m.

Impact Dance: U-M University Activities Center. See 19 Friday. 7:30 p.m.

3rd Saturday Contra Dance: Cobblestone Farm Country Dancers. Live music by Joyous Noise, with callers Peter Baker and Robin Warner. All dances taught; beginners welcome. No partner necessary. Wear casual clothes and bring flat, smooth-soled shoes. Free open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4–6 p.m. *8–11:30 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). $7. 665–8863, 426–0241.*

Ann Arbor Ballroom Dance Club. One hour of intermediate to advanced instruction, followed by ballroom dancing to recorded music. Partner recommended. Refreshments. *8–9 p.m. (instruction), 9–11:30 p.m. (dancing), Ann Arbor Civic Theater, 2275 Platt Rd. at Huron Pkwy. (south of Washtenaw). $7 ($14 includes lesson). 426–2746.*

"Monsters of A Cappella": Amazin' Blue (University Activities Center). This popular U-M coed vocal ensemble performs renditions of rock & pop songs by Toto, Seal, Genesis, Pink Floyd, and others. 1998 finalists in the National Championship of College A Capella at Carnegie Hall, the group has performed on campuses across the country and released several recordings including the recent CD *Allnighter*. Guests include the U-M Men's Glee Club quartet **The Friars,** the U-M Women's Glee Club quartet **The Harmonettes,** the Indiana University singing group **Straight No Chaser,** and **The Dischords,** an MSU quartet. Proceeds benefit the Ann Arbor Shelter Association. *8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Tickets $6 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

Jeff Haas Trio: The Ark. This Michigan-based jazz trio performs ***HaGesher Chai: The Bridge Lives,*** an original jazz suite that blends traditional Hebrew folk music and comtemporary jazz. It was commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit to celebrate the centennial of the greater Detroit Jewish community. Haas is the son of German Jewish immigrants, and many of the folk melodies he employs were brought to the U.S. by his father, the renowned classical pianist and NPR Radio commentator Karl Haas, when he fled Nazi Germany in 1938. In 1996, Haas released his first collection of what one reviewer calls "Jewish folk jazz " on *L'Dor Va Dor: Generation to Generation*, a CD that Dave Brubeck praised for creating "a soulful music that transcends ethnic barriers." Haas and his regular sidemen—bassist Chuck Hall and drummer Alex Trajano—are joined tonight by three Detroit jazz luminaries: trumpeter **Marcus Belgrave,** alto clarinetist **Marvin Kahn,** and multi-instrumentalist **Rob Smith.** *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $10 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and (beginning two weeks before the show) at SKR Pop & Rock and Herb David Guitar Studio; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

Salif Keita: EMU Performing Arts & Concert Series. *See review, p. 65.* Known as the "golden voice of Mali," this singer, composer, and multi-instrumentalist plays a complex, highly individualized music, irresistably rhythmic and ravishing in its textures, that blends African, Islamic, Caribbean, and jazz idioms. *8 p.m. Pease Auditorium, EMU campus,*

gallery review

Daniel Tackett
"Talking trash"

*A conversation between that ubiquitous couple about town, **Uncle Art** and **Auntie Art**. He's a voluble, broad-minded thinker; she's skeptically terse, but she tells it like it is.*

Uncle Art: Well, Auntie, we've been asked to review the new show at Zoom Gallery, running through February 21. This guy from Texas, Daniel Tackett. What do you think?

Auntie Art: Looks like a pile of junk to me.

UA: I see you're in your usual expansive frame of mind. A lot of artists use found objects to comment on our throwaway culture.

AA: Still looks like a three-year-old did it. I was in Texas once. They leave their junk lying around.

UA: Well, they have a lot more room down there. Tackett's got an interesting approach, combining found objects with finely worked wood and stone elements. A three-year-old could do that?

AA: Okay, so he was working with a three-year-old.

UA: Well, I suppose every artist has a three-year-old in there somewhere. Tackett's work obviously goes beyond that, though. There's a lot of tension in his pieces, balancing intuition against a careful refinement.

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Winged Horse is a rough, slightly cartoony construction of wood and rusty metal with a shiny steel lock embedded in its belly. I also like *Union*, a surreal assembly of strangely interacting objects on a polished wooden oval platform. Look at this chunk of black granite, seemingly held in suspension by a thin wooden peg. Tackett's work is full of these little exercises in contradiction; it gives them the illusion of unexpected motion.

AA: It looks like some of these things actually *can* move! You think I can touch them?

UA: Wow, I didn't notice that. I see you can lift a section of *Form Within a Form* to reveal the negative impression of the lifted form beneath it. Hmmm. . . . I suppose Tackett is using a negative space to accentuate a positive space by actually fitting a form into itself.

AA: I hate it when you get philosophical.

UA: I know. That's why you don't understand art, Auntie. You have to use your brain when you look at it.

AA: Let's not get personal!

UA: But it's the "personal" that gets interesting when you're dealing with interactive art. The artist steps beyond the confines of his work to begin a dialogue with viewers.

AA: Well, maybe this guy is a straight shooter, but I'm still a little confused. What's he aimin' at?

UA: I'm not exactly sure. There's a lot going on here. Maybe too much. But I find it engaging all the same. The real strength of these thoughtful, toylike objects is their tension—it's tricky to make stone seem delicate and blunt at the same time. In a way, I suppose they are "piles of junk," but the finely articulated elements elevate them, and that contrast keeps us looking.

AA: Okay, okay, my thumb's pointing up!

—Mark Erik Nielsen

New exhibits this month:

Ann Arbor Art Center. *Pushing the Envelope: New Developments in Photography* (February 11–March 14). See 19 Friday. 994–8004.

Ann Arbor District Library. *Family, Friends, and a Sense of Community: African-American Life in the 1920s and 1930s* and *Washtenaw Beginnings: Facets of Local African-American History* (February 2–26). 327–4200.

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. *Clothing: Science from Head to Toe* (through June). 995–5439.

Clare Spitler Works of Art. *Inside, Outside* (February 7–April 6). 662–8914.

EMU Ford Gallery. *Dealer's Choice: Selections from the Private Collection of George and Carmen N'Namdi* (February 9–26). 487–1268.

Gallery 212. *Icon* (February 12–March 7). See 12 Friday. 665–8224.

Kreft Center for the Arts (Concordia College). *Exhibition of Faculty Art: Metalsmithing by art professor Ken Schmidt, paintings by art professor Beth Steinkellner, graphic design work by art instructor Mark Wentzel, and photography by photography instructor Richard Buesing* (February 12–March 5). See 12 Friday. 995–4612.

Michigan Guild. *Drawings by Jim Johnston* (February 1–26). See 5 Friday. 662–3382.

Originations. *Paintings of Stacy Hall* (February 1–6). *Faces of Nigeria* (February 20). 662–9197.

U-M College Gallery (College of Architecture and Urban Planning). *Work of Architecture Program Faculty* (February 20–28). 764–1300.

U-M International Institute Gallery. *Photography and Colonialism* (through February 15). 665–0541.

U-M Museum of Art. *Photographs by Hana Hamplova* (February 6–April 4). See February 6. *Magdalena Abakanowicz and the Mindless Crowd* (February 13–May 2). See 13 Saturday. 764–0395.

U-M Pierpont Commons. *Watercolors by Kathleen Kazmierski* (February 1–26). *Identities by Amnesty International* (February 1–29). 764–7544.

U-M Rackham Galleries. *Art by Michigan Prisoners* (February 9–24). 913–4849.

U-M Residential College/East Quad Art Gallery. *A Positive Life: Portraits of Women Living with HIV* (February 5–26). See 5 Friday. 763–0176.

For a complete listing of local galleries, see the 1998–1999 Ann Arbor Observer City Guide or www.arborweb.com

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★**Teen Night: The Neutral Zone/Ann Arbor Teen Center.** See 5 Friday. Tonight: a **Pool Tournament.** 8 p.m.–midnight.

Meryl Tankard Australian Dance Theater: University Musical Society. See 19 Friday. 8 p.m.

"The Tempest": Community High School. See 17 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940": P.T.D. Productions. See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Oedipus the King": EMU Theater Department. See 17 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

Jim Hamm: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 18 Thursday. 5:45, 8:15, & 10:45 p.m.

Mose Allison: Prism Productions. See 19 Friday. 9 & 11 p.m.

Larry McCray: Amer's First Street Grill. A former auto worker from Saginaw, McCray is a 32-year-old guitarist and vocalist who plays a mean, hard-edged Chicago-style brand of blues that's tempered with strains of soul and funk. "His guitar work manages a skillful stylistic summary of the three Kings," says *Sunday Times* (London) reviewer Robert Sandall. "McCray bends and sustains like B. B., swoops about the fretboard like Albert, and slams out rock riffs like Freddie." *10:30 p.m. (doors open at 10 p.m.), Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First at Huron. Tickets $10 in advance at SKR Pop & Rock, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; $12 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666; for information, call 213–6000.*

FILMS

MTF. "Elizabeth" (Shekhar Kapur, 1998). See 18 Thursday. Mich., 5:00 p.m. **"Dancing at Lughnasa"** (Pat O'Connor, 1998). See 14 Sunday. Mich., 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. **CG.** A Woody Allen film TBA. Nat. Sci., time TBA.

21 SUNDAY

6th Annual "Valentine Volley for Kids": C.O.P.E.-O'Brien Youth Center. Up to 32 coed teams from various local businesses and organizations compete in this volleyball tournament fundraiser for C.O.P.E.-O'Brien's intervention and education programs for at-risk youth and their families. *Play begins 8:30 a.m., EMU Olds-Robb Student Recreation Complex, Washtenaw to Oakwood (left on Oakwood to the parking structure), Ypsilanti. $150–$500 per team. Free to spectators. 971–7870.*

★**"Hesiod and His Poetry": Ann Arbor Unitarian Fellowship.** Talk by local independent classical Greek scholars Gay Duren and Heidi Kaplan. *10 a.m., Burns Park Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 971–8638.*

★**"Winter Tree Identification": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.** WCPARC's Matt Heumann leads a walk through Park Lyndon, offering tips on how to identify trees when the leaves are gone. *10 a.m., Park Lyndon South, North Territorial Rd. (15 miles west of US-23). Free. 971–6337.*

"28th Annual Winter Spectacular": Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club/Huron Valley Railroad Historical Society. The Midwest's largest model railroad flea market. Model railroaders, collectors, and train buffs from ten states and Canada gather to display, trade, and sell more than $2 million worth of model railroad equipment and memorabilia. More than 600 dealers. Also, display of 3 operating model train layouts, including a large Lionel layout with

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Wild Game Dinner: Washtenaw Farm Council. Buffet dinner featuring venison, buffalo, turkey, rabbit, mule deer, antelope, and raccoon meat. Proceeds to fund improvements to the Farm Council Grounds. *Noon–3 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Tickets $8 in advance or $10 at the door (children 5–12, $3). Reservations suggested. 429–3145.*

"Toward Understanding": American Friends Service Committee. See 20 Saturday. 1–5 p.m.

★**U-M Wrestling vs. Ohio State.** *1 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, Hoover at S. State. Free. 764–0247.*

U-M Women's Basketball vs. Indiana. *2 p.m., Crisler Arena. $5 (youths under 18, $3). 764–0247.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.** Talk by members Jim and Yvonne Schwand, followed by small discussion groups. *2–5 p.m., St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division at Catherine. Free. 741–0659.*

★**"Out of Africa: Plants from the African American Experience": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens Conservatory Tour.** See 6 Saturday. 2 p.m.

★**"Sustainability into the New Millennium": Organic Growers of Michigan.** Talk by Hans Posselt, a retired interdisciplinary scientist who consults for the Ecology Center. *2 p.m., Ecology Center, 117 N. Division. Free. 439–8249.*

★**"The Sauk Trail: Roadside Culture and Transportation History in Southern Michigan": Washtenaw County Historical Society.** EMU historic preservation program grad Gladys Saborio, a retired high school Spanish teacher who lives in Saline, discusses the history of US-12 from Ypsilanti into Hillsdale County and the efforts she is coordinating to recognize and protect that history as a heritage corridor. Refreshments. *2 p.m., Pittsfield Twp. Hall, 6201 W. Michigan Ave. Free. 662–9092.*

Gender-Free Contra Dance: Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers. Traditional American folk dancing for people of all orientations. There are two distinct roles in contra dancing, one traditionally male and one female. In gender-free contra dancing, dancers take whichever position they like and with any partner they like. Becky Hill calls to music by David West and Donna Baird. No partner necessary. All dances taught; beginners welcome. Bring flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing. *2–5 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). $6 (students, $5). 663–6954.*

"The Firebird": Wild Swan Theater. See 19 Friday. 2 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 2 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Oedipus the King": EMU Theater Department. See 17 Wednesday. 2:30 p.m.

★**"Magdalena Abakanowicz in Context": U-M Museum of Art.** Harvard history of art and architecture professor Ewa Lajer-Burcharth discusses this Polish artist's sculpture, currently exhibited at the museum. *3 p.m. UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764–0395.*

Premiere Concert: Phoenix Ensemble. Music, dance, and dramatic narration combine in the debut concert of this local professional chamber orchestra conducted by lauded U-M grad Annunziata Tomaro. U-M music school harp professor **Lynne Aspnes** joins the ensemble for a performance of Debussy's *Danse Sacre et Danse Profane.* The music accompanies a dance duet, choreographed by U-M dance professor **Peter Sparling,** that evokes divine and earthly aspects of femininity. U-M theater chair **Erik Fredricksen** dramatically narrates Strauss's *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme,* based on Moliere's popular farce. Also, local Pulitzer-winning composer **William Bolcom**'s *Commedia,* a musical version of *commedia dell'arte,* the improvisational Italian dramatic genre that features stock comic characters in dark situations. *3 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets $15 (students, $10) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. 996–9530. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

★**"The Music of Samuel Barber": First Presbyterian Church Sacred Music Series.** First Presbyterian music director Susan Wilburn conducts the church's chancel choir in a program of works by this

noted American composer, including *Easter Chorale, Let Down the Bars, Agnus Dei, Reincarnations,* and *Hermit Songs.* Soloist is soprano Julia Broxholm. Piano accompaniment by Miah Im. *4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662–4466.*

EMU Concert Winds and Symphony Orchestra: EMU Music Department. Max Plank and Kevin Miller conduct these two music-student ensembles in a program TBA. *4 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.*

★**Michigan Chamber Players: U-M School of Music.** Some of the U-M music faculty's top performers join forces to perform Beethoven's Trio No. 3, Dohnanyi's Serenade, and Faure's Piano Quintet No. 2. Performers are violinists Stephen Shipps and Andrew Jennings, violist Yizhak Schotten, cellists Erling Blondal Bengtsson and Anthony Elliott, and pianists Louis Nagel and Logan Skelton. *4 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

4th Annual Student Outreach Concert: Ann Arbor Cantata Singers. This accomplished local chorus led by William Boggs is joined by Dexter and Lincoln high school choirs for a performance of Haydn's *Missa in Honorem St. Nicolai.* Also, each of the 3 choirs performs separately. Proceeds benefit student scholarships to the Interlochen Music Camp. *4 p.m., Lincoln High School Auditorium, 8970 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti. Tickets $5 (adult), $2 (student), & $10 (family), available in advance or at the door. 973–7693.*

★**"Stilyagi Air Corps Science Fiction Book Club": Nicola's Books.** All invited to discuss Rebecca Ore's *Becoming Alien. 5 p.m., Nicola's Books (Little Professor), Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 390–2369.*

★**Ecumenical Service: U-M Campus Chapel.** This monthly service features singing of meditative music from the ecumenical community of Taize, France. The service also includes prayer, meditation, readings, silence, and Holy Communion. All invited. *6 p.m., U-M Campus Chapel, 1236 Washtenaw Ct. (off Washtenaw, 1 block south of Geddes). Free. 668–7421, 662–2402.*

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 19 Friday. Today: **Team USA Under-17 vs. Compuware** (Plymouth, Michigan) of the North American Hockey League. 7:30 p.m.

1999 Huaren Cultural Show: Huaren Cultural Association. An evening of entertainment showcasing Chinese, Hong Kong, and Taiwanese culture. Performances by the Chinese Students Association dance troupe and other guest troupes, including a traditional Taiwanese aborigine dance, **a lion dance,** the traditional ribbon dance, and hip-hop. Demonstration of Chinese martial arts, and instrumental and vocal performances by U-M students. Also, a fashion show. *7:30–10:30 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $7 (students & seniors, $5; children 6–12, $3; children under 6, free) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

FILMS

MTF. "Hilary and Jackie" (Anand Tucker, 1998). *February 21–28.* Powerful and heartbreaking true story of celebrated cellist Jacqueline du Pre and her sister Hilary. Flawless study of love and rivalry, genius and madness, and the price of fame. Glorious soundtrack, with an incendiary performance by Emily Watson *(Breaking the Waves).* Mich., 8:30 p.m.

22 MONDAY

★**Sister Helen Prejean: W. K. Kellogg Foundation/U-M Program in Women's Studies/U-M English Deptartment/U-M Art School.** Talk by author of *Dead Man Walking,* "a profound argument against capital punishment," according to a *Washington Post Book World* reviewer, that was made into an acclaimed film. In conjunction with the Art by Michigan Prisoners exhibit (see 9 Tuesday). *3 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 665–5369.*

★**"Healthy Kids Workshop": Whole Foods Market.** Local nutritional consultant and herbalist Cindy Klement talks about protecting kids' immune systems during the winter months. *7–8:30 p.m., The Parkway Center, 2345 S. Huron Pkwy. Free, but reservations required. 971–3366.*

★**Evening Voyages: Ann Arbor District Library.** See 2 Monday. Tonight: Traditional African-American folktales by guest storyteller **Dorothy Baker.** In conjunction with the library's celebration of African-American History Month. 7–7:45 p.m.

★**String Trio of New York: EMU Performing Arts & Concert Series.** This veteran New York City-based acoustic chamber jazz trio performs with the EMU Jazz Ensemble. *8 p.m. Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–1221.*

Michigan Chamber Brass. Paul Eachus directs this polished local brass and percussion ensemble in a program that is highlighted by English composer Paul Patterson's *The Royal Eurostar,* an exciting, dynamic work, commissioned for the 1994 inauguration of the Channel Tunnel, that showcases the enormous sonic range and expressive variety of the modern brass orchestra. Featured soloists are DSO bass trombonist Randall Hawes, who performs Ferdinand David's Concertino for Bass Trombone, op. 4, and Michigan Opera Theater trumpeter David Kuehn, who performs Roger Harvey's *The Battle of Jericho.* Also, Bach's masterpiece Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, William Byrd's *The Earl of Oxford's March,* and more. *8 p.m., Huron Hills Baptist Church, 3150 Glazier Way (between Huron Pkwy. and Green Rd.). Tickets $10 (students & seniors, $7) in advance and at the door. Group rates available. 485–2902.*

★**"How to Publish in Poetry Journals": Guild House Writers Series.** Workshop presented by Lonnie Hull Dupont, a longtime participant on the Bay Area poetry scene who has herself published over 30 journals. *8:30 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free. 677–6839, 662–5189.*

FILMS

FV. History of World Cinema Series. "Wild Strawberries" (Ingmar Bergman, 1957). Emotional powerhouse about an elderly professor's flashbacks to the disappointments and lost joys of his earlier life. Swedish, subtitles. Mich., 4:10 p.m. **MTF. "Hilary and Jackie"** (Anand Tucker, 1998). See 21 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:30 p.m.

23 TUESDAY

Youth Jazz Workshop: Southeastern Michigan Jazz Association. All middle & high school musicians invited to bring their instruments to a jazz workshop led by veteran Detroit trumpeter Louis Smith. With saxophonist Vincent York, pianist Rick Roe, bassist Paul Keller, and drummer Sean Dobbins. Parents and friends welcome. *3–5 p.m., Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley. $3 (accompanying adults, free). 662–8514.*

★**"Approaching the Qur'an: Sound, Gender, and Meaning in the Early Meccan Suras": U-M Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies Distinguished Lecture Series.** Talk by Haverford College religion professor Michael Sells. *4 p.m., 1636 School of Social Work Bldg., 1080 South University. Free. 764–0350.*

U-M Men's Basketball vs. Penn St. This game may be moved to February 24 (8 p.m.) or 25 (7:30 p.m.), depending on ESPN programming needs. *7:30 p.m., Crisler Arena. $12 & $15. 764–0247.*

★**"Parenting the Spirit of the Gifted Child": Summers-Knoll School.** Second in a series of 5 monthly talks by Summers-Knoll founder-director Jean Navarre. *7:30 p.m., Summers-Knoll School, 2015 Manchester. Free. 971–7991.*

★**High School Introductory Evening: Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor.** A chance to learn about the curriculum, meet the staff, and tour the facility of the new Rudolf Steiner High School. Refreshments. *7:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner High School in the Genesis Bldg. (St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth), 2309 Packard Rd. Free. 669–9394.*

★**"Legal Rights": The Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan.** Panel discussion with local school administrators and parents of young people with learning disabilities. *7:30–9 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District Bldg., 1819 S. Wagner Rd. Free. 665–4215, 484–3815.*

★**"Residential Real Estate Law": Jewish Community Center.** Talk by local attorney Kenneth Rich. *7:30 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

Kodo Drummers: University Musical Society. *February 23–25.* Although the thunder of the 900-pound o-daiko drum (carved from a single tree trunk) dominates this Japanese art, dance, mime, and other instruments such as a bamboo xylophone, gong, and bamboo flute add to the aural and visual excitement. "Kodo" means "heartbeat," and the precise, powerful rhythms from the many different drums represent a mother's heart as heard by an unborn baby, as the drummers strive to play with a child's pure heart. "[Kodo's] rhythms really do move the tribal blood still running through our urban veins," says a *New York Post* reviewer. This is the 10th Ann Arbor appearance for these artists from the training commune Kodo Mura on Sado Island in the Sea of Japan. *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $26–$36 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the*

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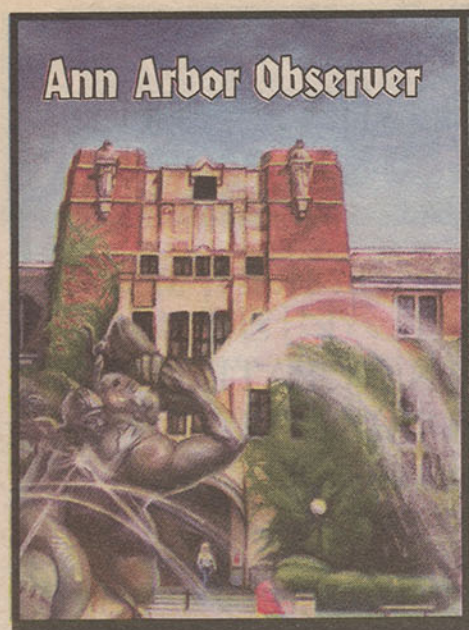

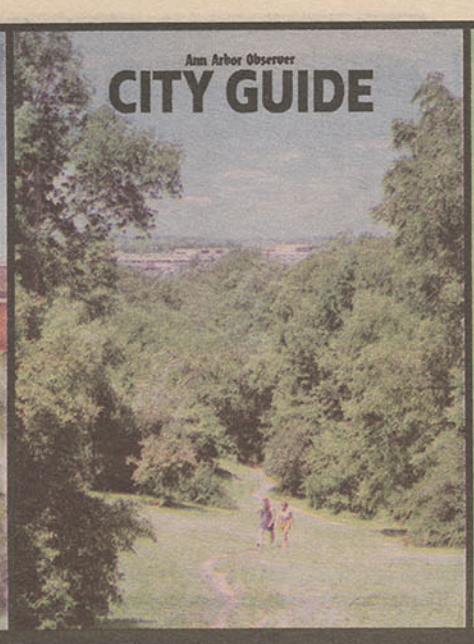

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★University Chamber Orchestra: U-M School of Music. The exuberantly expressive Argentinian composer Alberto Ginastera's *Variaciones Concertantes* highlights a concert by this music-student ensemble. Kenneth Kiesler conducts. *8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

★Stacey Earle: The Ark "Take a Chance Tuesdays." *See review, p. 69.* The sister of alt-country icon Steve Earle, Stacey Earle is a young singer-songwriter with a deft, often cutting lyrical flair, an irresistible melodic sense, and a distinctive phrasing that lends her singing a piquant dramatic edge. "She can allow her voice to flutter from girlish innocence to that of a world-weary woman in the space of a few words. It's an effect that's completely natural and completely intoxicating," says *Performing Songwriter* in its review of her debut CD, *Simple Gearle.* Part of a series of free concerts featuring lesser-known artists on the roster of the prestigious local management agency, Fleming, Tamulevich, & Associates. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 761–1451.*

FILMS

FV. Alien Eye Series. "Baghdad Cafe" (Percy Adlon, 1988). Charming, nearly plotless story of a stranded woman in the California desert, making friends with oddballs at a roadside cafe. By the director of *Sugarbaby.* FREE. Mich., 7 p.m. **MTF. "Hilary and Jackie"** (Anand Tucker, 1998). See 21 Sunday. Mich., 9:15 p.m.

24 WEDNESDAY

★"Potluck": Northeast Senior Center. All seniors invited; bring a dish to pass or a small monetary donation. *Noon, Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. (off N. Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). Free. Reservations requested. 996–0070.*

★"Exploring Gendered Selves: Women's and Children's Housing, Working, and Schooling Experiences": U-M Institute for Research on Women and Gender/Division of Kinesiology. U-M Institute for Research on Women and Gender associate director Laurie Morgan chairs a panel discussion with U-M grad students Elizabeth Dutro (education), Shannon Lynch (psychology), and Nancy Wells (architecture and psychology). *Noon–1:30 p.m., 460 West Hall, corner of South University and East University. Free. 764–9537.*

★Lenten Lunchtime Organ Recital Series: American Guild of Organists. First in a series of 6 afternoon recitals by U-M, EMU, Concordia, and Guild organists. Today: organist and U-M grad Linda Tzuris. *12:15 p.m., First Congregational Church, S. State at William. Free. 930–9940.*

★Brian Greene: Borders Books and Music. This brilliant Gen-X physicist explains string theory, the science that Cornell physicist David Lee calls "a most promising way station on the road to an ultimate theory of everything." Greene also signs copies of his *The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory,* an explication of string theory for general audiences that Harvard physicist Shing-Tung Yau calls "a tour-de-force of science writing [that] peels away layers of detail and reveals the stunning essence of cutting-edge physics." *7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

★"Yoga Nigra Relaxation and Meditation": People's Food Co-op. Introduction to deep relaxation and meditation techniques by local yoga teacher Emma Stefanova. Wear loose clothing and bring a blanket to sit on. *7–8:30 p.m., People's Food Co-op, 216 N. Fourth Ave. Free. Preregistration required. 769–0095.*

★"Fishing Streamers for Big Trout": Trout Unlimited Monthly Meeting. Talk by Newaygo, Michigan, fishing guide Chad Betts. *7 p.m., Community High School, 401 N. Division. Free. 665–7610, 761–9200.*

★Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Bonsai Society. All invited to join members of this organization dedicated to the ancient Japanese art of cultivating miniature potted plants. Program TBA. *7 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 747–6993.*

★"Thine Is the Kingdom": Shaman Drum Bookshop. U-M anthropology professor David Frye reads from his new translation of Cuban writer Abilio Estevez's recent novel, the story of a motley array of eccentrics set on the eve of the 1959 Cuban Revolu-

tion. Refreshments. *8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

Kodo Drummers: University Musical Society. See 23 Tuesday. 8 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

FILMS

MTF. "Bab-El-Oued City" (Merzak Allouache, 1994). A comprehensive, exciting portrait of a cross-section of contemporary urban Algerian life, this top-notch film about the rise of Islamic fundamentalism follows the turmoil that ensues when a baker, unable to sleep, trashes a loudspeaker blaring propaganda from his apartment building's rooftop. Arabic, subtitles. Mich., 7 p.m. **"Hilary and Jackie"** (Anand Tucker, 1998). See 21 Sunday. Mich., 9:00 p.m. **U-M Michigan League. "Reservoir Dogs"** (Quentin Tarantino, 1992). Video showing of this gritty, bloody action drama about loyalty and betrayal among a gang of thieves. Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth. FREE. League Underground, 911 North University, 8 p.m.

25 THURSDAY

"E-Mail Basics": Ann Arbor District Library. A hands-on introduction that covers everything from establishing an E-mail account to reading and sending mail and attaching files. Open to all AADL cardholders. *7 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library training center (3rd floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. $5. Preregistration required. 327–4550.*

★**"Coffee Hour": Druids of Shining Lakes.** All invited to join members of this local pagan group for coffee and discussion. *7 p.m., Sweetwaters Cafe, 123 W. Washington at S. Ashley. Free. 487–4931.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Southeast Michigan Naturists/Michigan Nude Beach Advocates.** All invited to help plan social, educational, and political activities related to the development of official public nude beaches and other nudist social issues. *7 p.m., Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 482–9686, 475–9198.*

★**"Attracting Bluebirds": Wild Birds Unlimited.** Slide-illustrated talk by Wild Birds Unlimited owner Kurt Hagemeister. *7 p.m., Wild Birds Unlimited, Woodland Plaza, 2204 S. Main at Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. Reservations required. 665–7427.*

★**"Ann Arbor/Washtenaw County Beginnings: Community Forum": Ann Arbor District Library.** A panel of longtime local residents discuss the local history of African-Americans. Panelists include **Ruth Span, Lydia Morton, Charles Kersey, Lucille Porter,** and **Anne Hampton Hawkins.** Moderator is **Lola Jones.** Also, a question-and-answer period. In conjunction with the library's celebration of African-American history month. *7–8:30 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 994–2342.*

★**"Putting Libertarian Opinions in Print": Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County.** Talk by *Detroit News* editorial writer Tom Shull. *7:30 p.m., Michigan Union location TBA. Free. 475–9792.*

★**Frederick Reuss: Shaman Drum Bookshop.** This Washington, D.C., novelist reads from ***Horace Afoot,*** his highly idiosyncratic 1997 debut novel, recently reissued in paperback, about an oddly philosophical small-town character. "This charming, unexpectedly poignant first novel has its wrinkles," says David Sacks in the *New York Times Book Review,* "yet the reader can overlook such flaws, thanks to the book's confident portrait of the town and its observations on struggling humanity." Following the reading, Reuss signs copies of his books. Refreshments. *8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.*

Kodo Drummers: University Musical Society. See 23 Tuesday. 8 p.m.

"Lost in Yonkers": Concordia College. *February 25–27.* Concordia drama students perform Neil Simon's bittersweet comedy about a retarded young woman's journey toward independence from her overbearing mother. *8 p.m., Concordia College Kreft Center for the Arts, 4090 Geddes Rd. at Earhart. $7 (Concordia students & children 14 and under, $5) in advance or at the door. 995–4612.*

"Company": Dexter Community Players. *February 25–27.* Sean Kifer directs George Furth and Stephen Sondheim's brassy, earthy 1970 musical comedy about an exorbitantly uncommitted Manhattan bachelor and his mostly married friends. The Tony-winning score includes such hit songs as "The Ladies Who Lunch," "Being Alive," "The Little Things You Do Together," and "Side by Side by Side." *8 p.m., Copeland School auditorium (Dexter–Ann Arbor Rd. at the blinking light) Dexter. Tickets $8 (children 12 & under, $5) in advance at Dexter Real Estate and at the door. 426–8387.*

"Kismet": Comic Opera Guild. *February 25–28.* Katy Taylor and Brad Rondeau direct this community ensemble in Robert Wright and George Forrest's musical based on Edward Knoblauch's play about an Iraqi poet-beggar who becomes the Emir of Baghdad in a single wondrous day. It all begins when he is arrested by a corrupt wazir of police, who agrees to release him if he murders the ruling caliph. He fails, is re-jailed, escapes, and learns the wazir has taken his daughter as a concubine. The score, adapted from Alexander Borodin's melodies, contains the popular "Baubles, Bangles, and Beads," "And This Is My Beloved," and "Stranger in Paradise." Stars Justin Miller and COG founder Tom Petiet. *8 p.m, Lydia Mendelssohn Theater. Tickets $16 (seniors, $12; children, $7) in advance at SKR Classical and at the door. 973–3264.*

"Harvey": Orpheus Productions. *Every Thursday through Sunday through March 14.* Andy Jentzen directs Mary Chase's beloved Pulitzer Prize–winning play, best known from the 1950 Jimmy Stewart film, about the gentle, eccentric tippler Elwood and his friend Harvey, an invisible six-foot-tall rabbit. Cast: Patty Ash, Andrew Taylor, Maria Johnson. *8 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. Tickets $12 (students & seniors, $10), available in advance at Mr. Mugs Coffee and at Fast Eddie's Music in Ypsilanti and at the door. To charge by phone, call 971–5545.*

"Romeo and Juliet": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. *February 25–28 & March 4–7.* David Blixt directs Shakespeare's romantic tragedy about "star-crossed lovers" defying their families' bitter feud. Initially hilarious, then dire, this perennially popular drama is a heart-wrenching tale of idealized love and secret marriage that issue in murder and suicide. This production is set in the original period. Stars Victoria Walters and Kip Pierson. *8 p.m., Ann Arbor Civic Theater, 2275 Platt Rd. at Huron Pkwy. (south of Washtenaw). $16 (students & seniors, $14) in advance and at the door. 971–AACT.*

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Blake Clark: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. *February 25–27.* This L.A.-based comic specializes in satirical, somewhat Dickensian stories about his own life, from his struggles as a child growing up in the South to his experiences as a Vietnam vet. A frequent guest on the *Tonight Show,* he also appears as Harry, the hardware store owner on *Home Improvement.* Preceded by two opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. Tickets $12 (Thursday) & $14 (Friday & Saturday) in advance and at the door. Group rates and other discounts available. 996–9080.*

FILMS

MTF. "Hilary and Jackie" (Anand Tucker, 1998). See 21 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:30 p.m. **U-CLUB. "Unforgiven"** (Clint Eastwood, 1992). Oscar-winning, powerful examination of morality and hypocrisy in the Old West. In conjunction with Clint Eastwood Heritage Month. Morgan Freeman, Anna Thomson. FREE, but people not affiliated with the U-M must arrive before 9 p.m. Michigan Union, 9 p.m.

26 FRIDAY

U-M Ice Hockey vs. Miami (Ohio). *February 26 & 27. 7 p.m., Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State at McKinley. $10–$17. 764–0247.*

Chinese New Year Party: Chinese-American Society. All invited to join several U-M student groups for an evening of karaoke, movies, ballroom dancing, singing, and dance performances. Also, accomplished Ann Arbor musician Xiao Qi Liu on the **pipa,** a string instrument, and more. *7–11:30 p.m., Michigan Union Ballroom. $5. 332–0390.*

Floyd Looks for Buffalo Hand: Emerging Lightbody Productions. This Oglala Sioux spiritual interpreter discusses his newest book *Learning Journey on the Red Road,* Lakota spiritual beliefs and the teaching of the Sacred Pipe. Also, signing. *7 p.m., 719 Spring St. (off Miller near First St.). $10 suggested donation. 973–8623.*

"Creating and Working with the Luminous Body": Essence Point. Mateyo Empie demonstrates a Peruvian tradition of breathing and meditating for supercharged healing. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Unity Church, 4599 Carpenter Rd. $10 at the door. 913–9830.*

Fourth Friday Fling Advanced Contra Dance. Fast-paced, occasionally complex dances for experienced contra dancers. Peter Baker calls to live music by the Contrapreneurs. *8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). $8. 665–8863.*

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EVENTS *continued*

"12th Annual Storytelling Weekend": The Ark. *February 26–28.* Storytelling continues to enjoy a renaissance as a form of popular entertainment, and the Ark's annual festival features performances by six top-notch storytellers from around the country and the state. Three different performers tonight and tomorrow, and two family concerts on Sunday with all six of the weekend's performers. Tonight's headliner is **Namu Lwange,** a storyteller from Ghana who uses music and chant to tell traditional tales of her culture. Also, **Jim May,** an Emmy Award–winning storyteller from Illinois who specializes in family-oriented tales of mid-century Middle America, and a local storyteller TBA. *8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $12.50 (Fri. & Sat.) & $6 (Sun.) in advance at SKR Pop & Rock, Herb David Guitar Studio, Borders, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

Angel Caravan Coffeehouse: Aurora Borealis Productions/GoodArts Project. See 5 Friday. Tonight: Detroit area singer-songwriter **Leslie Frederick** performs classic and original folk, with a strong, powerful voice that has been compared to Buffy Sainte-Marie's. 8–9:30 p.m.

★**"Judith of Bethulia": American Guild of Organists.** Showing of D. W. Griffith's 1914 Biblical epic, the first feature-length American film. With live organ accompaniment by the renowned organist, U-M alum and University of New Orleans music professor **James Hammann,** who opens the program with a brief recital of theater organ music. Also, vintage 20s newsreel. *8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 930–9940.*

★**Detroit Dance Collective: Ann Arbor Art Center.** Dance performance interpreting the experimental photography exhibit *Pushing the Envelope: New Developments in Photography* (see 19 Friday listing). *8 p.m., Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. Free. 994–8004.*

"Little Shop of Horrors": All City Players. *February 26–28.* A company of 80 local high school students presents Howard Ashman and Alan Menken's perennial favorite, a campy black comedy musical about a carnivorous plant that grows to ferocious proportions. When a nerdy store clerk adopts the unusual plant, fondly naming it "Audrey" after the object of his unrequited affections, the plant initially seems to bring him good fortune. But as it grows, it becomes more and more bloodthirsty, driving its owner to murder. Inspired by a low-budget Roger Corman 1960 comedy-horror flick, *Little Shop of Horrors* became an early-80s off-Broadway hit and a 1986 film. *8 p.m., Pioneer High School Schreiber Auditorium, 601 W. Stadium at S. Main. Tickets $6 at the door or in advance by calling 994–3261 or 971–5134.*

★**Teen Night: The Neutral Zone/Ann Arbor Teen Center.** See 5 Friday. Tonight: a joint party at the Ann Arbor YMCA (350 S. Fifth Ave. at William). 8 p.m.–midnight.

"Company": Dexter Community Players. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Harvey": Orpheus Productions. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Romeo and Juliet": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Kismet": Comic Opera Guild. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Lost In Yonkers": Concordia College. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

Blake Clark: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 25 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

Mudhoney: Prism Productions. Working-class rock 'n' roll by this unreconstructed Seattle garage band that features fiercely acidic guitar lines, a brutally heavy beat, and ornery, contentious lyrics, all wrapped inside melodies that are almost poppishly tuneful. The band first came to national attention in the late 80s as a frequent opening act for Sonic Youth, who recorded Mudhoney's grunge classic "Tough Me I'm Sick" and persuaded Mudhoney to cover their "Halloween." The acclaimed new CD, *Tomorrow Hit Today,* expands their trademark stomp-and-sludge with forays into blues-rock and 60s surf. *10:30 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Tickets $12 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets; $15 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666; for information, call 996–8555.*

The group photography exhibit *Pushing the Envelope: New Developments in Photography* appears at the Ann Arbor Art Center, Feb. 11–Mar. 14.

FILMS

MTF. "Hilary and Jackie" (Anand Tucker, 1998). See 21 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:30 p.m.

27 SATURDAY

★**Midwest Regional Competition: National Ocean Sciences Bowl.** Eleven high school teams compete in 18-minute-long rapid-fire challenge sessions in this double-elimination round-robin contest testing knowledge of math and science pertaining to the Great Lakes and the world's oceans. Finalists go on to the nationals in Washington, D.C., in April. *9 a.m.–5 p.m., U-M FXB Bldg., 1320 Beal, North Campus. Free. 741–2149.*

★**Silverston Invitational: U-M Coed Track & Field.** *10 a.m.–3 p.m. (field events) & noon–4 p.m. (running events), U-M Indoor Track Bldg., S. State at Hoover. Free. 764–0247.*

"The Ann Arbor Record Show": Orangapoid Productions. This popular fair is back at a new location with more than 50 dealers from a half dozen states selling rare and collectible used records and CDs as well as hard-to-find new releases. Includes every popular music genre from rock 'n' roll, jazz, soul, pop, country, and blues to funk, punk, surf, thrash, heavy metal, garage rock, and more. Also, rock music books, rock videos, posters, and assorted popular culture memorabilia. This show draws huge crowds all day long. Come early, or someone else might snatch up the record you're looking for. Food and beverages for sale. Patrons may bring in a small number of records to sell. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Clarion Inn, 2900 Jackson Rd. $3 admission (children 10 & under, free). For information or to reserve a dealer table, call 475–1006.*

★**Annual Camp Fair: Washtenaw Camp Placement Association.** A chance to meet directors and staff of summer camps and programs from all over Michigan, neighboring states, and Canada, including travel, sports, science, arts, computer, and other camps. *10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Carpenter Elementary School, 4250 Central Blvd. (off Carpenter south of Washtenaw). Free. 971–4537.*

★**"The Changing Health Care Environment": Packard Community Clinic.** Talks by Chelsea Community Hospital CEO Kathleen Griffiths, St. Joseph Mercy Health System CEO Garry Faja, and U-M Health System CEO Gilbert Omenn. *3–5 p.m. Washtenaw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 Huron River Dr. Free. 971–1073.*

★**"Owl Hoot": Waterloo Natural History Association.** Naturalist Tom Hodgson presents an indoor introduction to owls, followed by a walk along Eddy Geology Center trails to look for—and talk to—owls. Dress for the weather. *3:30–5:30 p.m., Gerald E. Eddy Geology Center, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Geology Center is on the left.) $2 (families, $5; WNHA members, free). Preregistration required. $4 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit ($20 per year). 475–3170.*

U-M Ice Hockey vs. Miami (Ohio). See 26 Friday. 7 p.m.

"Masked Mania Purim Night": Jewish Community Center. More than 500 merrymakers usually attend this Purim party celebrating the rescue of the Jews from destruction in ancient Persia, as told in the biblical story of Esther. Spectacular sets by Yribar Design re-create the atmosphere of an ancient Persian court, and partygoers are invited to come in costume and to bring masks or make one at the event. Dancing to the **Klezmer Fusion Band,** an Ann Arbor–Detroit area group led by trumpeter and guitarist Neil Alexander, a local physician. The band plays klezmer (the East European Yiddish party music) and traditional and contemporary Israeli and Jewish religious music, blending traditional ethnic instruments with a jazz rhythm section. Local UAW attorney Ellen Moss leads Israeli dancing, and local dance instructor Tomas Chavez teaches country line dancing. Prizes for best costume, best mask, and best dancer. Roulette wheels and blackjack tables (for entertainment only; no cash prizes); sale of Israeli beer and wine and Middle Eastern foods and desserts. *7:30–11 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets $15 (students, $10) in advance; $18 (students, $10) at the door. 971–0990.*

"12th Annual Storytelling Weekend": The Ark. See 26 Friday. Tonight's headliner is **Roslyn Bresnick-Perry,** an award-winning New York City storyteller with a repertoire of original tales on topics ranging from life in East European Jewish shtetls between the world wars to contemporary urban life. Also, **Gerald Fierst,** a New Jersey storyteller who explores the history of sacred and secular Jewish storytelling, and **Tom Venable,** a local storyteller who tells original tales of everyday life. At 10 a.m. today, Bresnick-Perry offers 2-hour workshop on mystical Jewish tales ($25; preregistration required). 8 p.m.

★**Teen Night: The Neutral Zone/Ann Arbor Teen Center.** See 5 Friday. Tonight: a **Video Game Tournament.** 8 p.m.–midnight.

"Company": Dexter Community Players. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Little Shop of Horrors": All City Players. See 26 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Harvey": Orpheus Productions. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Romeo and Juliet": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Kismet": Comic Opera Guild. See 25 Thursday. 2 and 8 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Lost In Yonkers": Concordia College. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Blake Clark: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 25 Thursday. 5:45, 8:15, & 10:45 p.m.

Jimmy Dillon Blues Band: Prism Productions. Gutbucket blues originals by this San Francisco–based quartet led by singer-guitarist Dillon. The price of admission includes a buffet dinner & champagne. *10:30 p.m. (doors open at 10 p.m.), Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First at Huron. Tickets $8 in advance at SKR Pop & Rock, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; $10 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666; for information, call 213–6000.*

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28 SUNDAY

"12th Annual Storytelling Weekend": The Ark. See 26 Friday. This 3-day festival concludes with **children's concerts** featuring round-robin performances by most of the weekend's storytellers. 1 & 3 p.m.

★**"The Walls Family and Their Flight from Michigan to Canada": Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.** Talk by Floyd Walls Jr., an Ypsilanti minister whose ancestors escaped to Canada via the Underground Railroad. Followed by a class on **"Writing to Request Research,"** presented by club member Nancy Krohn. *1:30 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Liberal Arts & Science Bldg., lecture hall #2, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 483–2799.*

U-M Women's Gymnastics vs. Georgia. *2 p.m., Crisler Arena. $3 (youths age 12 & under, $1; U-M students, free). 763–2159.*

★**"Out of Africa: Plants from the African American Experience": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens Conservatory Tour.** See 6 Saturday. 2 p.m.

★**"Winter Botany": Waterloo Natural History Association.** Waterloo Recreation Area park interpreter Lisa Gamero leads a hike to show how to identify plants and trees in their denuded winter state. Dress for the weather. *2–4 p.m., Gerald E. Eddy Geology Center, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Geology Center is on the left.) Free. Space limited; preregistration required. $4 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit ($20 per year). 475–3170.*

Fourth Sunday Family Dance Series: Cobblestone Country Dancers. Square and contra dancing to live music by the string band Sandy River Belle, with popular local callers David Park Williams and John Freeman. Geared toward families and children. All dances taught; beginners welcome. No partner necessary. *2–4:30 p.m., Cobblestone Farm Barn, 2781 Packard (next to Buhr Park). $6 (families, $10). 975–9059, 994–2928.*

"Little Shop of Horrors": All City Players. See 26 Friday. 2 p.m.

"Harvey": Orpheus Productions. See 25 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Romeo and Juliet": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 25 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Kismet": Comic Opera Guild. See 25 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"The Hole": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 3 Wednesday. 2 p.m.

"Private Eyes": Performance Network Professional Premiere Series. See 4 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Vegan Chili Cook-Off": Vegetarian Information Network & Exchange. All invited to bring their vegan chili (no dairy, eggs, honey, or other animal products) dish (with recipe) to pass to serve 8 or more, utensils for serving, and your own place setting. Prizes awarded for the favorites. *2:30 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe at Oakland. $1. 426–8525, (517) 423–3226.*

Japanese Tea Ceremony: U-M Museum of Art. Tea ceremony practitioners enact a traditional Japanese tea ceremony (25 minutes) in the museum's teahouse, followed by a discussion on the ritual's symbolism. This month: **"Buds Swelling Under the Snow,"** a ceremony from the Ura Senke school. Preceded by shakuhachi (Japanese flute) music performed by Michael Gould. Space fills up quickly at this monthly event; arrive early to be sure of a seat. *3 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. $3 suggested donation. 764–0395.*

★**2nd Annual Sphinx Competition Finals Concert: U-M School of Music.** Three outstanding young string players from around the country compete against each other in this national competition for African-American and Latino junior high and high school students. Each finalist performs a concerto with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, under guest conductor Michael Morgan, director of the Oakland Symphony. *4 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

★**"Jewish Parenting for Single Parents": Temple Beth Emeth.** Discussion led by local therapist Ruth Moscow-Cohen. Child care available; pizza dinner served. *5–6:30 p.m., Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard. Free. Reservations required by February 24. 665–4744.*

"House Blend" Series: Ann Arbor Playwrights. See 7 Sunday. Tonight: Miriam Kirscht's ***Tap Dancing Angel.*** 6–9 p.m.

★**"The Way of the Heart": The Free Daist Communion.** 72-minute video introduction to the life of **Adi Da,** Western-born guru Heart Master (formerly known as Da Free John). *6:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. 741–0432.*

Michael Smith: The Ark. This veteran English-born singer-songwriter from Chicago is an absorbing, passionate vocalist and compellingly rhythmic guitarist who writes evocative, minutely detailed songs on a variety of personal and philosophical themes. He is best known for "The Dutchman," a song popularized by Steve Goodman, and for his original score for the Steppenwolf Theater Company's 1990 Tony-winning stage adaptation of *The Grapes of Wrath.* He has released 4 CDs on the Flying Fish label. *7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $12.50 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and (beginning two weeks before the show) at SKR Pop & Rock and Herb David Guitar Studio; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

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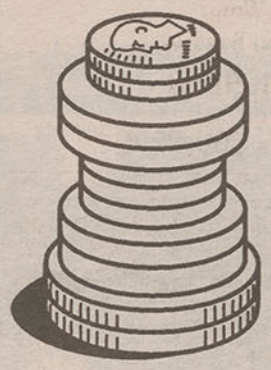

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Amer's First Street Grill

102 S. First **213–6000**

This downtown supper club features a DJ on Wednesdays, 10 p.m–1 a.m., and live music on weekends, 10:30 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover, dancing. Also, **Andrew Song** plays solo piano, Fri. & Sat. (6–10 p.m.). **Every Wed.: Salsa Night.** DJ spins salsa records. **Every Fri.: House Music.** With a DJ TBA. **Feb. 6:** TBA. **Feb. 13: Swing Syndicate.** See Cavern Club. **Feb. 20: Larry McCray.** Acclaimed blues singer-guitarist from Saginaw. See Events. **Feb. 27: Jimmy Dillon.** Blues band from San Francisco. See Events.

Arbor Brewing Company

114 E. Washington **213–1393**

This downtown brewpub features live music on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 9 p.m.–midnight unless otherwise noted. No cover, no dancing. **Every Wed.: Ann Arbor Irish Ensemble.** Celtic and North American fiddle music by this local 8-piece acoustic band led by the rhythm section of fiddler and drummer Pam Meisel, bassist Todd Perkins, and well-known local graphic artist Allan Reid on fiddle and banjo. 8:30–11 p.m. **Every Thurs.** (except February 11)**: Al Hill and the Love Butlers.** Soulful swing, New Orleans–style funk, and boogie-woogie blues by this local band led by Hill's wailing vocals and pumping piano. The band recently released its debut CD, *Willie Mae*. **Feb. 2** (8 p.m.–midnight)**: Dave Boutette** and **Lisa Hunter.** Double bill with local singer-songwriters Boutette, a former Junk Monkeys guitarist who performs folk-rock covers and originals, and Hunter, who sings funky, melodic folk-based pop-rock originals in a sharp, clear voice. **Feb. 7: Blue Tango.** Local folk-rock quintet led by vocalist Surry Scheerer. **Feb. 9** (8 p.m.–midnight)**: Chris Buhalis** and **K. C. Groves.** Double bill with local singer-songwriters Buhalis, a folk-country singer-songwriter with a rich, warm voice, and Groves, who accompanies her country-flavored folk-rock originals on mandolin and guitar. **Feb. 14: Ghettobillies.** Local acoustic guitar trio that specializes in sweet & gritty country-rock with glee club harmonies, a frat band lyrical sensibility, and occasional neopsychedelic yearnings. **Feb. 16** (8 p.m.–midnight)**: Rollie Tussing III** and **Neil Dixon Smith.** Double bill with local singer-songwriters Tussing (see Gypsy Cafe) and Smith, who writes wry songs that teeter between pop-soul and punk-folk. **Feb. 21: Jo Serrapere & the Hot Tail Section.** Local band led by Serrapere, a highly regarded local singer-songwriter known for her spare, haunting ballads and blues and her sinewy, commanding vocals. She sings songs from her CD, *My Blue Heaven*. **Feb. 23** (8 p.m.–midnight)**: Dev Singh** and **Tim Monger.** Double bill with local singer-songwriters Singh (see Sweetwaters) and Monger, a leader of the Original Brothers & Sisters of Love (see below). **Feb. 28: The Original Brothers & Sisters of Love.** Folk-rock originals by this local quintet whose music is an eclectic mix of Appalachian music, prog-rock, and sea shanties. Led by singer-songwriter-guitarists Tim and Jamie Monger (who also play accordion and mandolin, respectively), the band also includes bassist Scott McClintock, guitarist Greg McIntosh, and percussionist Martin Juarez.

The Ark

316 S. Main **761–1451**

Michigan's leading showcase for American and international performers of all forms of traditional music. Cover (usually $9–$11), no dance floor, but for some shows space is cleared for dancing. Discounts (usually $1) on cover for members ($15/year; families, $25/year). All shows begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Ticket sales: If a sellout is anticipated, advance tickets are sold and (occasionally) two shows are scheduled. Otherwise, tickets are available at the door only. **Feb. 2: Altan.** Traditional Irish music. See Events. 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 3: Open Stage.** All acoustic performers invited. The first 12 acts to sign up beginning at 7:30 p.m. get to perform. The most talented and popular Open Stage performers are offered their own evenings at the Ark. $3 (members & students, $2). **Feb. 4: Huun-Huur Tu.** Tuvan throat singers. See Events. **Feb. 5: Tish Hinojosa and Sara Hickman.** Double bill of Texas singer-songwriters. See Events. **Feb. 6: Phil Woods Quintet.** Jazz ensemble led by alto saxophonist & clarinetist Woods. See Events. **Feb. 7: Grey Eye Glances.** Folk-rock band from Philadelphia. See Events. 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 9: Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham.** Celtic fiddle & accordion duo. See Events. **Feb. 10: Lonesome & Blues.** Traditional, contemporary, and original bluegrass by this Detroit quartet. Members are banjoist Dennis Cyporyn, mandolinist Pooh Stevenson, bassist Christee McNeil, and vocalist Larry Hasdall, who also plays guitar and fiddle. **Feb. 11: Steve Ferguson & the Midwest Creole Ensemble.** Creole-based roots R&B. See Events. **Feb. 12: Dick Siegel.** Nationally acclaimed local singer-songwriter. See Events. **Feb. 13: Garnet Rogers.** Veteran Canadian folkie. See Events. **Feb. 16: Bill Staines.** Veteran singer-songwriter whose songs have been recorded by everyone from Nanci Griffith to Tommy Makem to Grandpa Jones. A past winner of the National Yodeling Championship, Staines also performs lots of yodeling tunes and sing-alongs. **Feb. 17: Open Stage.** See above. **Feb. 18: John Scofield Quartet.** Jazz ensemble led by guitarist Scofield. See Events. **Feb. 19: Solas.** Traditional Celtic music. See Events. **Feb. 20: Jeff Haas Trio.** An original blend of jazz and Hebrew folk song by this ensemble led by pianist Haas. See Events. **Feb. 21: RFD Boys.** Authentic bluegrass by these longtime local favorites. They have appeared in numerous festivals and even made the cover of *Bluegrass Unlimited* magazine. Their shows blend top-notch musicianship with funny between-song dialogue. They have several recordings, including the Schoolkids' CD *Live and Unrehearsed*, from a 1994 Ark performance. **Feb. 23: Stacey Earle.** Acclaimed young country-folk singer-songwriter. FREE. See Events. **Feb. 26–28: "11th Annual Storytelling Weekend."** Adult concerts with three different storytellers on February 26 & 27 (8 p.m.) and two family concerts on February 28 (1 & 3 p.m.). See Events. **Feb. 28: Michael Smith.** Veteran Chicago singer-songwriter. See Events. 7:30 p.m.

Babs' Liberty Street Piano Bar

112 W. Liberty **662–8757**

This downtown lounge features live music Thursdays (8–11 p.m.) and weekends (9 p.m.–midnight). No cover, no dancing. **Every Thurs.: Doug Horn Trio.** 40s & 50s swing and bebop by a jazz ensemble led by local alto saxophonist Horn. **Every Fri.:** Piano-and-vocal duo TBA. **Every Sat.:** Pianist TBA.

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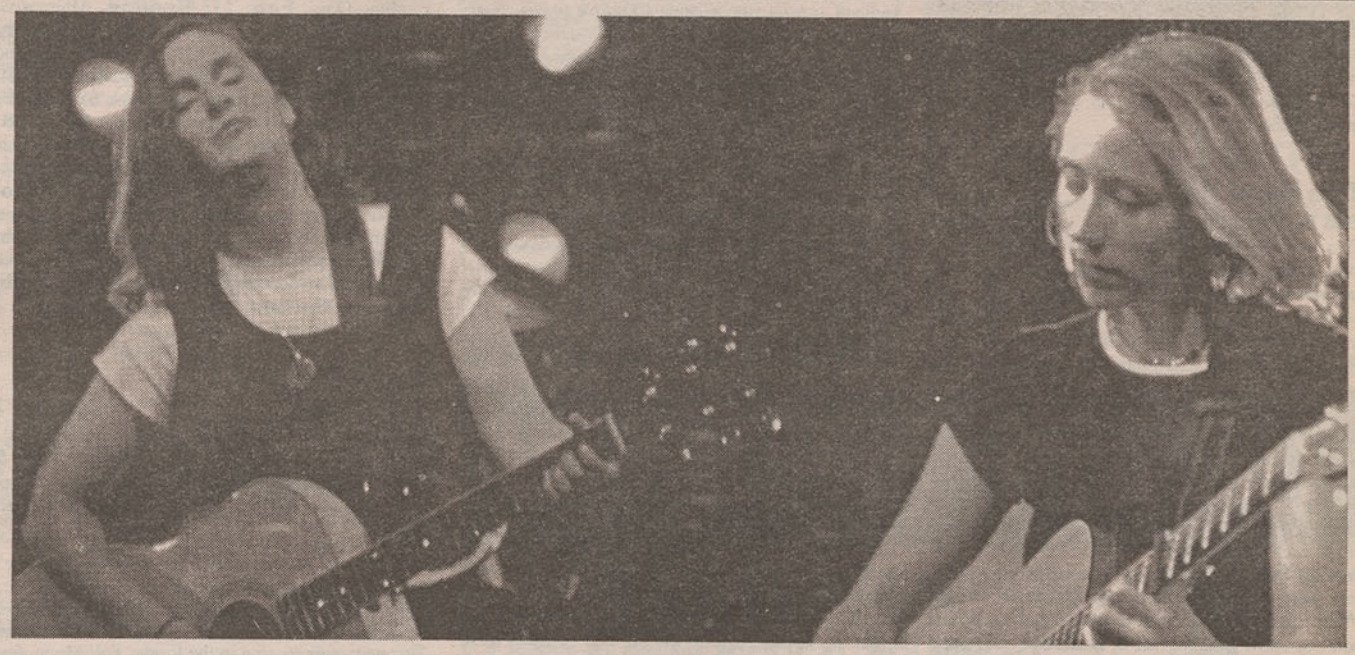

Sister Seed
Mismatch

Sister Seed is an earful and a half, the product of dreams, talent, grit, and about ten thousand hours of rehearsal. Detroiters Alicia Gbur and Chrissy Kerwin have taken what was once surely a simple folk girl-duo kind of thing, and worked it and reworked it, and experimented and reworked it some more, and come up with some very heady and decidedly problematic music indeed. I spotted them on the Ark schedule in May 1997 and decided to see what all the fuss was about. In 1993, they garnered a Detroit Music Award for Best Folk Group. The next year, they toted up two more: Best Acoustic Group and Best Acoustic Album for *Blue-Green*.

The Ark stage was positively littered with instruments when Alicia and Chrissy took the stage, along with an electric guitarist. One thing's clear: these strong and winsome young women have found what they love and they do it with a passion that's fueled with honesty and integrity. Their sound is somewhat Indigo Girl-ish, somewhat Story-ish in the way they play freely and brazenly with vocal harmony. Each song is a feast of lead-and-follow, with each voice battling for new ground. Dissonance buzzes proudly, then resolves into rich and satisfying tones, only to depart again to uncharted territory in the very next second. Both women play the hell out of their acoustic guitars, and leave plenty of room for their fellow musicians (for they were soon joined by a full band) to tuck into the material like a wholesome snack.

What's so odd and disturbing about Sister Seed is this: side by side with all this musical inventiveness—unexpected chords, bizarro time signatures, unpredictable turns of tune, and that fabulous harmony—are lyrics that seem lifted right out of some high school girl's journal. Case in point, two songs from their cassette *Underground:*

> The first time I saw you I looked into your eyes
> And you made me feel things I never felt before
> But how can I get to you?
> How can I make you want me as much as I want you?
> When you're with me I feel high. I'm wishing you were mine.
>
> —"Wishing You Were Mine"

> Since the birth of society
> We have come to know the anger inside.
> We all have our pride.
> Ignorance infects us.
>
> —"Turn the Corner"

Ladies! I'm not being mean-spirited, really I'm not. I listened hard at the Ark and listened equally hard to *Underground,* wanting desperately to find a spot where Sister Seed's obviously heartfelt messages (love, social commentary, etc.) matched the sophistication of the music, but, with fleeting exceptions, I heard only tired clichés and preach-to-the-converted railings-against-the-system that give folk-haters reason to smirk.

Not long ago, I listened to their brand-new CD *If You Were Me* while I was baking chocolate chip cookies, and I heard much of the same, but with fuller production (including impressive contributions by all manner of local musical glitterati). Perhaps I'm getting curmudgeonly in my old age, but I remember the days when a good song revealed itself to the listener, and the process of discovery was most delightful. These two musicians have so much on the ball, they'll doubtless figure this out in time. Sister Seed is at the Blind Pig on Friday, February 5. —*Kate Conner-Ruben*

LeFevre & the Jimmy Lee Trio. Straight-ahead standards and ballads by this Toledo vocalist who is backed by a trio led by pianist Lee. **Feb. 16: Kuz.** See above. **Feb. 19 & 20: Mose Allison.** Legendary jazz & blues singer-songwriter and pianist. See Events. 9 & 11 p.m. **Feb. 23: Ground F/X.** See above. **Feb. 26 & 27: The Keller-Kocher Quartet.** Mainstream jazz by this top-notch local quartet featuring bassist Paul Keller, vibes player Cary Kocher, pianist Phil Kelly, and drummer Pete Siers.

The Blind Pig

208 S. First St. **996–8555**

This local music club features live music four or more nights a week, with a varied assortment of local and out-of-town rock 'n' roll, blues, reggae, and dance bands, 10:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m., and DJs (usually) on Wednesdays (10 p.m.–1:30 a.m.), & Sundays (8 p.m.–12:30 a.m.). If there's an opening act, the headliner usually goes on stage between 11:30 p.m. and midnight. Closed most Mondays. Cover, dancing. **Every Sun.: Swing-a-Billy.** DJ Del Villareal spins swing, jump blues, and rockabilly records. Also, free swing & jitterbug dance lessons (8–9 p.m.). No cover. **Every Tues.: "Showcase Night."** With four different young local bands each week. **Every Wed.: "Solar."** Resident DJ Disco D and various guest DJs play house and techno records. **Feb. 4: Quasar Wut-Wut.** Local pop-rock band with a quirky lyrical point of view. Opening act is **Bullseye Virus,** a local grunge-flavored rock 'n' roll band. **Feb. 5: Sister Seed.** *See review, p. 83.* Semiacoustic pop-folk band from Detroit led by singer-guitarists Christine Kerwin and Alicia Gbur. Tonight they celebrate the release of their new CD, *If You Were Me.* Opening acts are **Jill Jack,** a talented local roots-rock singer-songwriter, and singer-songwriter **Jason Magee,** the former Restroom Poets lead singer. **Feb. 6: Imperial Swing Orchestra.** Prewar jazz, swing, and jump blues by this 12-piece local big band led by pianist Tom Loncaric and fronted by the playfully expressive vocals of Tracy Leigh Komarmy. **Feb. 11: The Element.** Local horn-fired funk-rock originals by this U-M music-student quartet that includes former members of the Bucket. Opening acts are **Atomic Numbers,** a local band that plays clever, sharp-edged pop-rock that it calls "original rock 'n' roll without the waxy buildup," and **The Velvet Beat,** local frat-rock band. **Feb. 12: Funktelligence.** Local funk-oriented jazz-rock band. Opening acts are **Face,** a Detroit quartet led by vocalist Courtney that plays Black Crowes–style rock 'n' roll, and **Maggi, Pierce, & E.J.,** a folk-rock trio from Philadelphia. **Feb. 13: Strangefolk.** Jam-oriented folk-rock quartet from Vermont. See Events. **Feb. 18: Larval.** Avant-garde Detroit jazz ensemble whose style has been compared to John Zorn. Opening act is the **Immigrant Suns,** a Detroit ensemble led by Albanian-born songwriter-guitarist Djeto Juncaj that plays folk-rock originals with an East European flavor. **Feb. 19: Maschina.** Unconventional, almost Zappa-esque local jazz-funk quartet that features a lead trumpet that is often treated to sound like a variety of other instruments. Opening acts are **Brother Rabbit Presents,** a former U-M student pop-rock band that relocated to New York City last year, and **Queen Bee,** a high-powered Detroit garage-rock trio featuring former members of Thrall led by vocalist Karen Neal. **Feb. 20: Solid Frog.** Talented, inventive alternative rock 'n' roll band from Saline. Opening acts are **Propeller,** a local band that plays noisy, rhythmic postpunk rock 'n' roll, and **Crack Abraham,** a local progressive metal band. **Feb. 25: The Workhorse Movement.** Detroit band whose heavy, guitar-driven rock 'n' roll has provoked comparisons to Helmet and the Rollins Band. Opening acts are **Taproot,** a local progressive metal band, and **Powerface,** a heavy metal band from Lansing.

Cavern Club

210 S. First **332–9900**

This new downtown club, in the Celebration Cellars banquet space in the basement under the former Antiques Market Place, features live music Wednesdays through Saturdays, and occasional other days, 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Also, happy-hour bands (no cover), Fridays & Saturdays, 6:30–9 p.m. $5 cover, dancing. Ages 21 & older admitted. **Every Fri.: Drivin' Sideways.** Veteran local band fueled by vocalist Pontiac Pete Ferguson's alternately soulful and ornery vocals. Their country-based repertoire still features lots of classic honky-tonk, but they also cover everything from early Chuck Berry to Sam & Dave to the Meters. The guiding presence of the band's new incarnation seems to be Elvis—including both large chunks of his repertoire and his attitude that any music he did suited him just because he did it. The band also includes guitarist Bob Schetter, bassist Chris Goerke, drummer Mark Newbound, and pedal steel guitarist Mark O'Boyle. **Feb. 3: The Blue Moon Boys.** Swinging, mercurial rockabilly by this acclaimed Fort Wayne, Indiana, quartet whose debut CD, *Live in New York,* was recorded at the Rodeo Bar in Manhattan. Preceded at 8 p.m. by swing dance lessons. **Feb. 4: "Herb David Guitar Jam."** An evening featuring reunions of several local blues and rock 'n' roll bands TBA. **Feb. 5: The Alligators.** R&B and blues band from Detroit. **Feb. 6** (6:30–9 p.m.)**: Michael Smith and the Cadillac Cowboys.** Very rare performance by this veteran local country band led by singer-guitarist Smith. **Feb. 6: The Robin Banks Blues Band.** Acclaimed young blues band from Toronto led by vocalist Banks. **Feb. 10: Jet Set 6.** Swing band. Preceded at 8 p.m. by swing dance lessons. **Feb. 11: Black Beauty.** Jump blues, R&B, and roots-rock by this Detroit band led by the Etta James–style vocals of **Thornetta Davis. Feb. 12: Starlight Drifters.** Rockabilly and honky-tonk originals and covers by this local quartet led by indomitable local rocker Chris Casello, who plays electric and steel guitar. With vocalist Billy Alton, bassist Rudy Varner, acoustic guitarist Mike Thompson, and drummer Mark Gray. The band has recently released its debut CD. **Feb. 13** (6:30–9 p.m.)**: The Still.** See Gypsy Cafe. **Feb. 13: Joce'lyn B & the Detroit Street Players.** Detroit blues band led by Joce'lyn B, a popular vocalist who's said to blend the voice of "Bessie Smith, the attitude of Mae West, and the mouth of Moms Mabley." Her recently released debut CD, *Bitch a da Blues,* features originals that range from the racy "Sweet Potato Pie" to the poignant "Chase Away the Blues," along with covers of "Walking the Dog," "Mustang Sally," and the Hayes & Porter standard, "When Something Is Wrong with My Baby." **Feb. 17: Wild Woodys.** Energetic, convincing rockabilly trio from Kalamazoo with a varied repertoire that includes Carl Perkins's "Dixie Fried," vintage and recent Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley's "Jailhouse Rock" and Elvis Costello's "Mystery Dance," early George Jones, and choice Springsteen covers. Preceded at 8 p.m. by swing dance lessons. **Feb. 18: Mudpuppy.** R&B, funk, soul, & blues band from Royal Oak led by guitarist Mark Pasman. **Feb. 19: John D. Lamb.** Vintage R&B, blues, and blues-rock by this local band led by guitarist Lamb. **Feb. 20** (6:30–9 p.m.)**: Terraplanes.** Local blues-rock band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack, with guitarist Loren Hsieh, keyboardist Rik Richardson, bassist John Allesee, harmonica player Eric Pinaud, and drummer Will Simmons. **Feb. 20: Blue Rose.** Danceable blues, R&B, and rock 'n' roll by this Detroit band led by guitarist John Martin and featuring vocalist Kim Lange. **Feb. 21: Steve Lucky & the Rhumba Bums.** Jump blues, swing, and R&B classics and originals by this San Francisco band led by singer-pianist Lucky, a founding member of the Blue Front Persuaders, Ann Arbor's most popular band in the early 80s. **Feb. 23: "Tuesday Night Songwriters."** Veteran Detroit rock 'n' roll singer-songwriter J. D. Lamb hosts the first of 6 weekly showcases of up-and-coming area singer-songwriters. Tonight: **Feb. 24: Swing Syndicate.** Classic swing by this local big band. Preceded at 8 p.m. by swing dance lessons. **Feb. 25: Big Dave and the Ultrasonics.** High-powered, brightly polished blues and blues-rock by this popular local band led by vocalist and guitarist Dave Steele. Tonight the band celebrates the release of its debut Burnside Records CD. **Feb. 26: Starlight Drifters.** See above. **Feb. 27** (6:30–9 p.m.)**: Little Red & the Big Blues Band.** See Tap Room. **Feb. 27: Sam Cockrell & the Groove.** This Chicago-based R&B band includes Ann Arbor native Rob Davis on drums.

City Limits

2900 Jackson Rd. **665–4444**

Lounge at the Clarion Hotel. Dance bands on weekends, jam sessions on Wednesdays, and a DJ on Thursdays. 8:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. Cover (Fri. & Sat. only), dancing. **Every Thurs.: Latin Night.** A DJ spins Latin dance records. **Every Fri. & Sat.:** A DJ spins Top 40 dance records.

Cross Street Station

511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti **485–5050**

Live dance bands Thursdays through Saturdays, DJs on Sundays and Tuesdays, and open mike on Wednesdays. Dancing, cover. **Every Sun.: Super Mod Ska Explosion.** With "Sound Scientist" Chuck Damage. Ages 18 & older admitted. No cover. **Every Mon.: Cross Street Jazz Band.** Jazz ensemble of varying membership. **Every Tues.: Retro Dance Party.** DJ Speed E. Smith plays 70s & 80s dance music. **Every Wed.: Hip-Hop Night.** With DJs J. Lord and Bobo. **Feb. 4: Deep Space 6.** Local Grateful Dead cover band. **Feb. 5: Heavy Weather.** Groove-oriented funk-rock sextet from Cincinnati. **Feb. 6: Sugar Buzz.** Funk-rock band from Findlay, Ohio. **Feb. 11: Redline.** Alternative rock 'n' roll band from Ypsilanti. **Feb. 12: Daddy Longlegs.** East Lansing band that plays ska- and reggae-flavored rock 'n' roll originals. **Feb. 13: 60 Second Crush.** Detroit hard-rock band led by Motordolls bassist Dana Forrester. **Feb. 18: Wickford Green.** Rock 'n' roll originals by this local band. **Feb. 19: Electric Boogaloo.** Hippie rock band from Ypsilanti. **Feb. 20: El Topo.** Inventive postpunk funk-metal band from Ypsilanti formerly known as Number 6 & the Prisoners. **Feb. 25: Fountainhead.** Local rock 'n' roll band. **Feb. 26: Funktelligence.** See Blind Pig. **Feb. 27: Pave the Sun.** Local pop-rock band.

Crow Bar

309 S. Main **668–0111**

This downtown club features live pianists, Fri.–Sat., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover, no dancing. **Every Fri. & Sat.: "Dueling Pianos."** A wide range of popular standards and pop hits by two singer-pianists TBA.

Crush! Bar

311 S. Main **665–8484**

This new club, located in the former Full Moon, features DJs, Thurs.–Sat. Cover (after 10 p.m.), dancing on 2 different dance floors. Ages 21 & older admitted. **Every Thurs.–Sat.:** DJs play retro, swing, funk, and hip-hop dance music. Specific schedules TBA.

Del Rio

122 W. Washington **761–2530**

No cover, no dancing. Local jazz groups every Sunday, 5:30–9 p.m. **Feb. 7: Rick Burgess Quartet.** Jazz ensemble led by pianist Burgess and featuring alto saxophonist Vincent York. **Feb. 14: Tom Saunders & the Detroit Jazz All-Stars.** Jazz ensemble led by Saunders. **Feb. 21: Rick Burgess Quartet.** See above. **Feb. 28: Bassline Jumper.** Jazz ensemble.

The Earle

121 W. Washington **994–0211**

Restaurant with live jazz Monday through Saturday. No cover, no dancing. **Every Mon. & Thurs.** (8–10 p.m.)**: Rick Burgess.** Solo piano. **Every Tues.** (8–10 p.m.)**: Rick Roe.** Solo piano. **Every Wed.** (8–10 p.m.)**: David Froseth.** Solo piano. **Every Fri. & Sat.: Rick Burgess Trio.** Jazz ensemble featuring pianist Burgess, drummer Robert Warren, and a bassist TBA.

Elbow Room

6 S. Washington, Ypsilanti **483–6374**

This Ypsilanti tavern feature DJs on Mondays & Wednesdays and dance bands on weekends, 9 p.m.–1 a.m. Also, karaoke on Thursdays, 9 p.m.–1 a.m., and Sundays, 4–8 p.m. Dancing, no cover. **Every Mon. & Wed.:** Big M and DJ Small spin modern rock dance records. **Feb. 5 & 6: Blackjack.** Classic rock 'n' roll. **Feb. 12, 13, 19, & 20: Another Round.** 50s, 60s, & contemporary rock 'n' roll by this veteran local outfit formerly known as the Billy Band. **Feb. 26 & 27: Fully Loaded.** Local blues & blues-rock band.

Espresso Royale Caffe

214 S. Main **668–1838**

The downtown location of this popular coffeehouse features live music on Fridays (9–11 p.m.) & Saturdays (8–10 p.m.). **Feb. 5: Bishr Hijazi.** Hijazi performs traditional Arabic music on the oud and flamenco on the guitar, accompanied by Glenn Bering on percussion. **Feb. 6: Five Guys Named Moe.** An eclectic mix of styles and genres by this local acoustic swing ensemble. Members are vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Myron Grant, bassist Glenn Bering, fiddler Mary Seelhorst, drummer Eric Nyhuis, and guitarist Jake Reichbart. **Feb. 12: Firebird Balalaika Ensemble.** Traditional Russian and East European folk music by this small ensemble drawn from the Detroit Balalaika Orchestra. **Feb. 13: Carlson & Bering.** Flamenco duo of guitarist John Carlson and doumbek player Glenn Bering. **Feb. 19: Bishr Hijazi.** See above. **Feb. 20: Coupe de Grass.** Local bluegrass band led by banjoist Lee Kaufmann and featuring twin fiddles and intricate vocal harmonies. **Feb. 26: Ginka Ortega.** Spanish and flamenco music by this local flutist, who is accompanied by guitarist Bishr Hijazi and percussionist Glenn Bering.

Gandy Dancer

401 Depot **769–0592**

Restaurant with live piano every night. No cover, no dancing. **Every Sun.** (10 a.m.–2 p.m.)**: Charles Gabriel Jazz Trio.** Vintage New Orleans jazz by a Detroit trio led by singer-bassist (and New Orleans native) Gabriel. **Every Sun.** (3:30–9 p.m.)**: Alice Rhodes.** Solo piano. **Every Mon.–Wed.** (6–11 p.m.)**: Tim Howley.** This local pianist plays a variety of popular music and takes requests. **Every Thurs.** (6–9 p.m.)**, Fri.** (5:30–9 p.m.)**, & Sat.** (6 p.m.–midnight)**: Carl Alexius.** Veteran local jazz pianist who takes requests for oldies.

The Gypsy Cafe

214 N. Fourth Ave. **994–3940**

This coffeehouse features an eclectic mix of live semiacoustic music, with occasional poetry readings, performance art, and even some comedy in its back room on weekends and some other nights, 9:30 p.m.–midnight. Also, tarot readings on weekends (8:30 p.m.–2 a.m.). Cover (weekends only), no dancing. **Every Tues.: "Salaciously Intellectual."** All invited to read their poetry and prose. Also, featured poetry readings and a hip-hop DJ. 8 p.m. **Feb. 5: The Still.** U-M student sextet that plays groove-oriented acoustic rock 'n' roll. **Feb. 6: Brian Lillie & the Squirrel Mountain Orchestra.** Rock and folk originals by this ensemble led by guitarist Lillie, a popular local singer-songwriter who performs material from his acclaimed 1995 CD, *Waking Up in Traffic,* and from his new CD, *Rowboats.* **Feb. 10: "Wide Open Mike."** All musicians, poets, comics, and other performers invited. (Sign-up begins at 7:30 p.m.) 8–10 p.m. **Feb. 12: Corndaddy.** Local alternative country band that cites Steve Earle, Uncle Tupelo, and Willie Nelson as influences. **Feb. 13: Poignant Plecostomus.** Very popular local quintet featuring guitar, violin, and keyboards whose earthy, propulsively groove-oriented fusion of jazz-rock, funk, and East European folk music blends a Captain Beefheart strangeness with a rock 'n' roll kick. **Feb. 17: "Wide Open Screen."** Screening of films submitted for the 1999 Ann Arbor Film Festival, held in March. 7 p.m.–midnight. **Feb. 19: Original Brothers & Sisters of Love.** See Arbor Brewing. **Feb. 20: Davis Rempis Quartet.** Jazz ensemble led by Vandermark 5 alto saxophonist Rempis. Opening act is **Explosion: Cerebral,** a local band that plays improvisational jazz in the vein of the Art Ensemble of Chicago and other AACM label bands. Members are saxophonist Matt Bauder, drummer Eric Roth, and bassist Zach Wallace. **Feb. 24: "Wide Open Mike."** See above. **Feb. 26: Jo Serrapere.** See Arbor Brewing. **Feb. 27: Rollie Tussing III.** Blues classics and blues-based originals by this local vocalist and multi-instrumentalist, who plays a National steel guitar. Opening act is **Dale Osborn,** a Leo Kottke–style singer-guitarist who performs tasty covers and originals.

The Habitat

3050 Jackson Rd. **665–3636**

Lounge at Weber's Inn. Solo piano (6–9 p.m.) by **Adam Riccinto** (Tues.–Fri.) and **Tom Knapp** (Sat. & Sun.). Dancing, no cover. **Every Mon.: "Swank Life."** DJ Al Velour spins 50s & 60s lounge music. Period attire encouraged. 4 p.m.–midnight. **Feb. 2–6 & 9–11: Northern Lights.** Top 40 dance band. **Feb. 12 & 13: Al Hill & the Love Butlers.** See Arbor Brewing. **Feb. 16–20: Intrigue.** Top 40 dance band. **Feb. 23–27: Hot Ice.** Top 40 dance band.

The Heidelberg

215 N. Main **663–7758**

This rock 'n' roll club on the top floor of the Heidelberg Restaurant features DJs Wed.–Fri. (9 p.m.–1:30 a.m.) and live dance bands on Saturdays (10:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m.) and Sundays (7–9:30 p.m.). Cover, dancing. Also, occasional live music in the basement Rathskeller (no cover), 8 p.m. until midnight or later on Fridays, 9 p.m. until midnight or later on Saturdays. Ages 21 & older admitted unless otherwise noted. **Every Sun.: II-V-I Orchestra.** Late-30s swing and 40s R&B. See Events. 7–9:30 p.m. **Every Fri.: Latino Night.** DJ Carlos plays salsa, merengue, reggae, and other Latin Dance

records. Also, salsa lessons, 9:30–10:30 p.m. **Feb. 20: Kuz.** See Bird of Paradise. Remainder of Sat. night schedule TBA.

Kerrytown Bistro

415 N. Fourth Ave. 994–64224

This Kerrytown restaurant features live jazz on Wednesdays, 7–10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Wed.: Jake Reichbart Quartet.** Pop and jazz standards by this local guitarist.

Leonardo's

2101 Bonisteel Blvd. 764–7544

Performance area in the food court at the Pierpont Commons on the U-M North Campus. No dancing, no cover. **Every Mon.: Randy Napoleon Quartet.** Jazz standards and originals, from bebop to modern styles, by a quartet led by this local guitarist. With vocalist Sachal Vasandani, drummer Aaron Siegel, and bassist Zach Wallace. 8–10 p.m. **Every Thurs.: U-M Jazz Studies Program.** Live jazz standards and originals by U-M music students, directed by U-M jazz studies director Ed Sarath. Weekly featured soloists TBA. **Feb. 5: "And the Winner Is."** Performance by the winner of Leonardo's January open mike competition. 9–11 p.m. **Feb. 12: Swing Dance Night.** Swing dancing to the **U-M Jazz Ensemble.** Dances taught by Paulette Brockington. 9 p.m.–midnight. **Feb. 19: Panchita.** Caribbean music. **Feb. 24: Open Mike Night.** All performers invited; sign-up is at 7:45 p.m. A monthly winner chosen by the audience is invited to perform at Leonardo's on the first Friday of the next month. 8–10 p.m.

The Liquid Lounge

301 W. Huron 662–8100

This club, formerly located on Main Street, features DJs, Wed.–Sat. Cover (after 10 p.m.), dancing on 2 different dance floors. Ages 18 & older admitted Wednesdays, ages 21 & older Thurs.–Sat. **Every Wed.: Underground House Night.** With Guest DJs TBA. **Every Thurs.: Disco Soul and Swing & Rockabilly.** DJ Chuck Hampton spins disco soul records, and DJs TBA spin swing & rockabilly records upstairs. **Every Fri.: Underground Techno & House.** With DJ Dez and guest DJs TBA. **Every Sat.: Progressive House Night.** With guest DJs TBA.

Mudd House

317 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti 482–800

This coffeehouse near the EMU campus features occasional live music. No cover, no dancing. **Every Thurs.: Open Mike.** All poets and musicians invited. 9 p.m.–2 a.m.

The Nectarine

510 E. Liberty 994–5436

This popular local New York–style dance club features DJs five nights a week and live music on one Monday each month, 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover, dancing. **Every Fri.: Boys' Night Out.** With DJ Roger LeLievre. **Every Sat.: 70s & 80s Dance Party.** With DJ Roger LeLievre. **Every Tues.: Boys' Night Out.** See above. **Every Wed.: Disco Dance Party.** With DJ Groove Boy. **Every Thurs.: EuroBeat Dance Party.** European-style house, techno, and alternative dance music with DJ Roger LeLievre.

Rick's American Cafe

611 Church 996–2747

This campus-area club features DJs, Mon., Wed., & Thurs., and live music on weekends, 10 p.m.–1:30 a.m. Large dance floor. Dancing, cover. **Every Mon. & Wed.: "Modern Dance Party."** With DJ John King. **Every Thurs.: A.K. on the Ones & Twos.** DJ Alex plays cutting-edge, high-energy contemporary dance music. **Feb. 5: Insol.** College rock cover band from East Lansing. **Feb. 6: Big Dave & the Ultrasonics.** See Cavern Club. **Feb. 12: Emmitt Swimming.** Rock 'n' roll band. Opening act TBA. **Feb. 13: LTO.** Rock 'n' roll originals and covers by this ensemble of U-M business school students. **Feb. 19: Powerlight.** Funky 80s R&B by this Lansing band. **Feb. 20: A.K. on the Ones & Twos.** See above. **Feb. 26 & 27:** TBA.

Sweetwaters Cafe

107 S. Ann Arbor St.
Saline 944–4054

Live music Saturdays and/or occasional Fridays, 8–10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Feb. 6: Bittersweet.** Jazz standards by the duo of vocalist Debbie Fogell and guitarist Gary Allen. **Feb. 13: Bishr Hijazi.** See Espresso Royale. **Feb. 20: Dev Singh.** Blues, ballads, and soulful folk-styled originals by this local singer-songwriter who accompanies himself on guitar, autoharp, mouthbow, dulcimer, and piano. **Feb. 27: Dave Boutette.** See Arbor Brewing.

Tap Room

201 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 482–5320

This popular downtown Ypsilanti tavern features live music five nights a week and a DJ on Thursdays, usually 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m., with karaoke on Sundays, 9 p.m.–1 a.m. Cover (Fri. & Sat. only), dancing. **Every Mon.: Open Mike Unplugged.** Hosted by **Chris Buhalis,** a local singer-songwriter and acoustic guitarist. All acoustic performers invited. 9:30 p.m.–1 a.m. **Every Tues.: Blues Jam.** Hosted by the **BlueRays,** a local blues band led by guitarist Dave Kaftan. All bands and musicians invited. **Every Wed.: Open Mike.** Hosted by **The Martindales,** a local band led by singer-guitarist Brian Brickley that plays blues and rock covers and originals. All acoustic and electric musicians invited. **Every Thurs.: Swing Night.** With WCBN rockabilly DJ Del Villareal. **Feb. 5: The Witch Doctors.** See TC's. **Feb. 6: Little Red & the Big Blues Band.** Local quintet led by former Bonnevilles guitarist Bob Schetter that plays uptempo Chicago blues. The band is celebrating the anniversary of the release of its CD, *Le Petit Rouge*. **Feb. 12: Steve Somers Band.** Top-notch soul-flavored R&B, blues, and 70s funk sextet led by Somers, a versatile guitarist with a pungent, staccato style, and vocalist **Valerie Barrymore.** With drummer Jesse Godfrey, bassist John Ford, trumpeter and keyboardist Dave Meyers, saxophonist Joe LeBeau, and second guitarist Dave Budzinski. **Feb. 13: Blues Shakers.** Blues band. **Feb. 19: The BlueRays.** See above. **Feb. 20: The Blues Hawks.** Detroit-area blues band featuring saxophonist Kelly Connors. **Feb. 26: George Bedard & the Kingpins.** Super-fine honky-tonk dance tunes from swing to vintage blues, country, rockabilly, and early rock 'n' roll classics, with some memorable originals penned by guitar genius Bedard. With drummer Rich Dishman and bassist Randy Tessier. The band recently released *Hip Deep*, the follow-up to its award-winning 1992 debut, *Upside*. **Feb. 27: Blue Cat.** Detroit-area blues quartet.

TC's Speakeasy

207 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 483–4470

This downtown Ypsilanti tavern features DJs on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays (9 p.m.–1 a.m.) and dance bands on Fridays & Saturdays (9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m.). Also, karaoke on Tuesdays & Trivia Night on Wednesdays. Dancing, no cover unless otherwise noted. **Every Sun.: Blues Jam.** All blues musicians invited. Hosted by Liberty Street Blues Project guitarist Danny Pratt. 8 p.m.–midnight. **Every Thurs.: Motor City Sheiks.** Detroit jump blues band. **Feb. 5 & 6: Young Wally and the Tall Boys.** Blues, swing, and classic rock 'n' roll. **Feb. 12: Rattle Box.** Blues & classic rock 'n' roll. **Feb. 13: Split Decision.** Local blues band. **Feb. 19 & 20: Witch Doctors.** Blues band led by WEMU DJ Thayrone. **Feb. 26 & 27: The Blues Life.** Local blues band.

Theo-Doors

705 W. Cross, Ypsilanti 485–6720

This EMU campus–area restaurant turns into a dance club after 10 p.m. Karaoke on Wednesdays. Cover (except Tues.), dancing. **Every Mon. & Thurs.: Modern & Retro.** DJs spin Top 40 dance tunes. **Every Tues.: Retro & Disco.** DJs spin Top 40 dance tunes. **Every Sat.: "Dancing All Night Long."** With a DJ TBA. **Feb. 5: Shindig.** Ypsilanti rock 'n' roll band. Opening act TBA. **Feb. 12: Conniption.** Detroit-area alternative rock 'n' roll band. Opening act TBA. **Feb. 19: Might as Well.** Hippie rock band from Fort Wayne, Indiana, whose repertoire includes lots of Grateful Dead covers. Opening act TBA.

Touchdown Cafe

1220 South University 665–7777

This campus-area cafe features live music on Tuesdays & Thursdays and a DJ on Saturdays, 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover, dancing. **Every Thurs.: Soulstice.** College rock cover band from East Lansing. **Every Sat.: DJ Steve.** Hip-hop and other dance records. **Feb. 4:** TBA. **Feb. 11: That's My Mama.** Classic rock 'n' roll cover band. **Feb. 18 & 25: The Element.** See Blind Pig. ■

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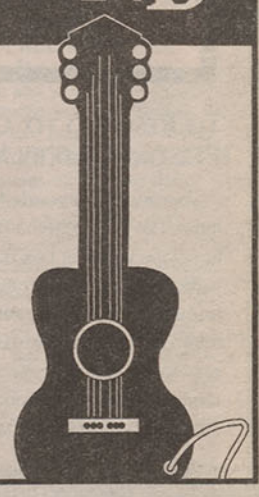

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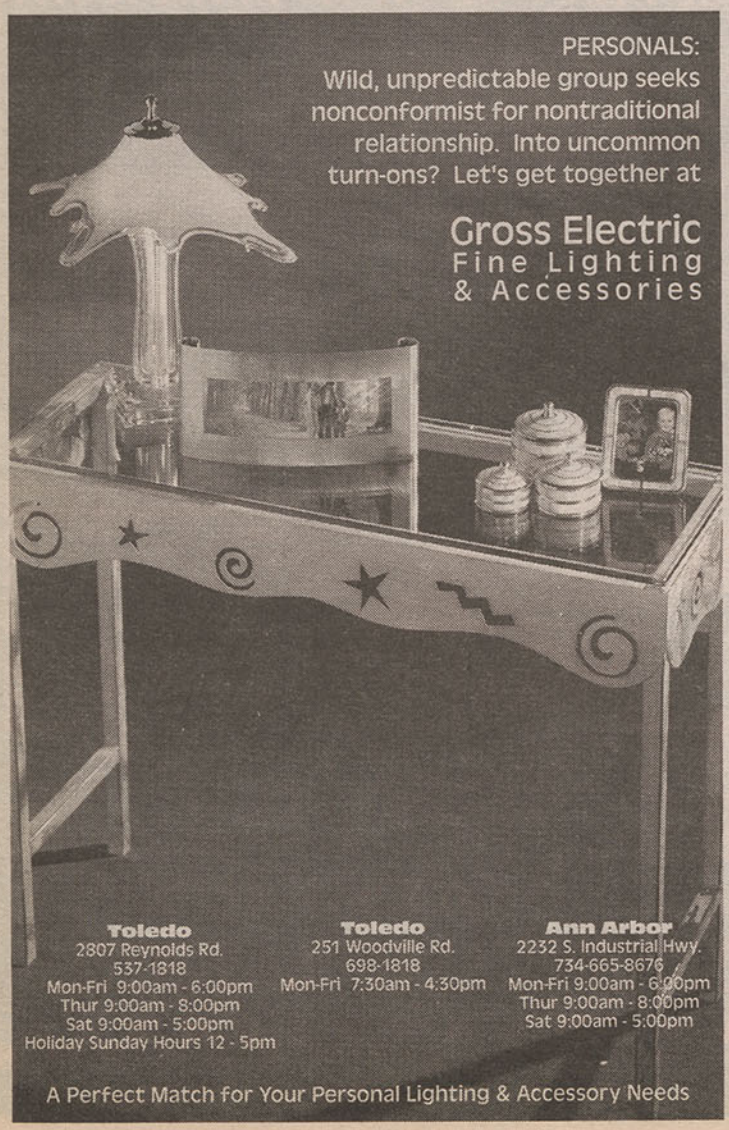

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Women Seeking Men

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SWPF, 35, 5'4", 110 lbs., fit, active, happy with life and career but missing one genuinely kind, optimistic, SWPM to share life with. ☎6695✍

DWF retired physician from Russia. Charming lady, 53, 5'2", 135 lbs., NS. Hoping to meet a gentleman for marriage. ☎6708✍

Attractive, 5'3", H/WP, **DWF,** 48, ISO partner. I love to sing, dance, cross-country ski, and bike, but I hate TV. Do you seek live spiritual/intellectual/physical stimulation? Same here. ☎6729✍

Affectionate, attractive, bright, **DWPF,** 50, 5'7", 135 lbs., enjoys reading, travel, current events, cultural activities. Seeks intelligent, successful, attractive, fit, NS, WPM. ☎6800✍

DWPF, 50ish, 5'5", youthful, NS, self-aware, physically fit, advance degreed with a great sense of humor would love to meet someone who is sensitive, witty, also self-aware with a good sense of humor for a healthy, loving relationship. ☎6803✍

All-natural, **DWF,** energetic 47, petite, recently returned to A2. Seeking kind, honest man open to alternative health, spirituality, and commitment. ☎6804✍

Friends say I: help them "feel connected," have fun anywhere, see the best in people, travel well, have raised great kids. These compliments I treasure, but if you notice my long auburn hair, green eyes, and that the time spent at the gym is paying off, that's nice too. Looking for one who will challenge me, make me laugh, fuss over me on my birthday. Call for details. ☎6805✍

My soulmate search is on! Petite, active, **SWF,** 42, seeking liberal, kind, active, independent man for a date with destiny. ☎6806✍

Fun, fit, and fifty! Attractive, **DWPF** seeks fit, DWPM who is tall, dark, and handsome. Holistic life philosophy coupled with "work hard, play hard." ☎6807✍

Caring, sensitive, **SWF,** 45, educated ISO S/DWM, 45–55, high morals, gainfully employed, NS/ND, for movies, dining, conversation, companionship/LTR. ☎6810✍

Petite and fit lady seeks active S gentleman over 60, NS, who thinks, laughs, holds hands, understands Windows '95. Purpose: let's both broaden our own horizons and create an enjoyable friendship. ☎6814✍

Beautiful, degreed, thin, blue eyes, long naturally curly dark blonde hair, 43, 5'7", into self-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, and life. I'm spunky, unique, loving. ISO soul connection, SWM, 38–48, NS. ☎6817✍

Slim, pretty, sincere, NS/ND, **SWPF,** 22, seeks educated, classy, over 5'11", SWPM, 23–30, for fun and friendship. ☎6831✍

Slender swimmer, 45, 5'4", liberal, highly educated, natural, healthy-living parent, gratifying career, loves ideas, conversation. ISO compatible partner, 40s. ☎6832✍

DWPF, 48, 5'5", NS. I enjoy films, theater, ballet, the outdoors, and music (except fusion jazz, which gives me a headache). I do own a pair of Birkenstocks although I never wear them to fancy restaurants. I like men who are physically fit, intelligent but not pretentious, and have a good sense of humor. If you are S/DWPM, 45–55, NS, maybe we could meet for coffee and something chocolate? ☎6819✍

Seeking best friend. **DWPF,** 37, NS, likes golf, fine dining, theater, travel. Seeks attractive, adventurous gentleman with sense of humor. ☎6820✍

SWPF, 45, cheerful, short, curvy, feisty, bleeding heart. Loves folk music, long walks, reading, ethnic food. ISO cheerful, easygoing man. ☎6822✍

Shy, sensitive, caring, giving, **SWF,** 40, with a big heart, ISO S/DWM, 38–45, 6' or more, NS/ND, for a sharing, caring relationship. ☎6823✍

DPF, 50, 5'3", brown hair and eyes. Caring, spiritual, enjoys conversation, music, outdoors, movies, and travel. ISO kindred spirit for LTR. ☎6826✍

Tired of dating? So am I! Lovely, bright, sensual, **SWPF** seeking attractive, educated, kind, SWPM, 40+, over 5'9", for LTR. ☎6827✍

DWF, 42, 5'8", H/WP, no dependents except 5 stray cats, vegetarian, NS, health conscious, financially stable, spiritual. Seeking male companion for serious monogamous relationship. Looking for a S/DWM, H/WP, late 30s to mid-40s, no dependents, financially secure, light drinker, religion secondary, who will pamper me with unconditional love and affection and has a genuine respect for people and animals. ☎6843✍

Sophisticated, humorous, **SWPF,** 39, attorney, ISO SWPM, 35–50. Must enjoy traveling, sports, and laughing. Ability to cuddle with children, pets, and me mandatory. ☎6834✍

Free-spirited, full of heart, vivacious, witty, pretty, trim, gentle, intelligent, spiritually evolved **WF,** 40ish, seeks similar safe travel companion for summer 1999 journey to Scotland for spiritual, recreational, pleasurable experiences. If more develops . . . ? ☎6838✍

Attractive, fit, and fun, **WPF,** 5'3", ISO good-looking, energetic, healthy, secure, WPM, 48–60, to share life and love. ☎6836✍

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Passionate, attractive, fun, **SWPM,** 35, 5'9", 155 lbs., health-conscious, NS. Builder/developer. Enjoys outdoors, skiing, volleyball, dining, travel, and adventure. Compatible with warmhearted real people who have real values. ISO SWF, 27–35, under 5'9", NS, active, fit, and intelligent. ☎6280✍

DWM, 47, PhD, 5'9", 150 lbs. Researcher and farmer in environment, ecology, agriculture. ISO woman scientist to share rural life, foreign travels, romance. ☎6281✍

SWM, 28, 5'9", 160 lbs. ISO SWF for a LTR. Seeking that special F who isn't afraid of commitment, or to fall in love, have fun, take a walk on the wild side, share her points of view, voice her opinion, be mature, be passionate, be humorous, cook, or go out on the town. Above all, someone who wants quality. ☎6795✍

Basics: **SWM,** 44, 5'8", 170 lbs. Adventurous and active, computer literate, degreed twice. Interests are many and varied (movies, theater). ISO romance and fun with an active, fit F, 30–47, with similar interests and those of her own. Children optional, humor and fun mandatory. Politically liberal, ability to converse and exercise an opinion desirable. ☎6797✍

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Personals
January 1998

Dear Observer Personals,

My story begins one year ago when life was good, but in my dreams I knew it could be better. I have a wonderful son who brightens up my weekends. Throughout the week, I find joy and am challenged at my workplace.

I realized, however, that an ingredient was missing and I set out to find him. I prayed and then placed an ad with the Ann Arbor Observer Personals. I chose not to limit myself by painting an exact picture of the man I was seeking. Instead, I described the qualities of the man I knew I wanted. It was important to me that he have a twinkle in his eye and a smile in his heart.

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DWPM, late 40s, attractive, well traveled, politically left, sensual, ethical and honest, ISO slender/average F for companionship and LTR. ☎6798✍

Your true love. Ken doll ISO NS, 18–33-year-old, fit Barbie. I'm 6', ambitious, affectionate, and athletic. ☎6812✍

SWM, 40, intelligent, successful, romantic, compassionate, giving, unpretentious, adventurous, and playful seeks attractive, accomplished, graceful, and elegant WF, 28–35, of similar persuasion who cries at happy endings, loves to dance, hates to camp, and always wanted to be married only once. ☎6818✍

DWPM, 37, 6'5", resembles Dr. Green on *ER* before goatee. Recently jumped off fast track to find misplaced life. Seeking W/AF, 25–45, with brains, beauty, and attitude for coffee, conversation, and occasional adventure. ☎6835✍

SWM, 40, 6'3", 210 lbs., hazel/brown, athletic, slim, muscular. ISO sensual, spiritual, open-minded F workout partner, best friend, LTR to: blade, lift, swim, cycle, garden, dance, massage, laugh, play, cook, camp, hike, kiss, hug, tease, learn, and teach. ☎6801✍

DWPM, 45ish, dreamer ISO kind, upbeat, adventurous, open-minded, worldly, playful, nature-loving, somewhat spiritual, very snugglable, NS, S/DF. ☎6811✍

SJPM, 37, medical doctor, seeks SPF for physical exam! Must be honest, intelligent, sincere, slender, and fun, late 20s to early 30s, with feet on ground and head in sky. Enjoy working out, cooking, adventure, conversation. LTR appointments limited, so book soon. ☎6815✍

SWPM, landscape architect, mid-60s, enjoys reading, writing, biking, skiing, dancing, and building houses during spare time. ISO SWPF, 40+, NS, petite, attractive, self-reliant, to share our lives together, to cherish each other as best friends and more. ☎6824✍

DWM, 40s, bright, sensitive, affectionate, excellent communicator. Interests include music, reading, movies, comedy, ethnic food, theater, biking, and dancing. ISO counterpart who is intelligent, attractive, emotionally healthy, commitment-minded, with a good sense of humor. ☎6825✍

SWPM, 38, 6'1", 190 lbs., fun-loving, home loving, sincere, honest, supportive, ISO SWPF, 30–38, with similar interests such as biking, picnicking, weekend trips, candlelit dinners, movies, and intelligent conversation. Sense of humor is important. ☎6715✍

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SWM, fit, slim, intelligent, educated, honest, accommodating. Interests: books, movies, music, travel. ISO similar SWF, intelligent, compatible, attractive, late 30s–50. ☎6841✍

I am a good-looking, caring, outdoorsy, adventurous, politically progressive, playful, 45-year-old with a dry wit who wants to start a family. You are intelligent, kind, passionate, physically fit, silly, and serious (or seriously silly). ☎6837✍

Romantic, humorous, **DWM,** 51, seeks NS, friends first, marriage partner. Interests: walking, travel, nature, food, dancing, chocolate. ☎6734✍

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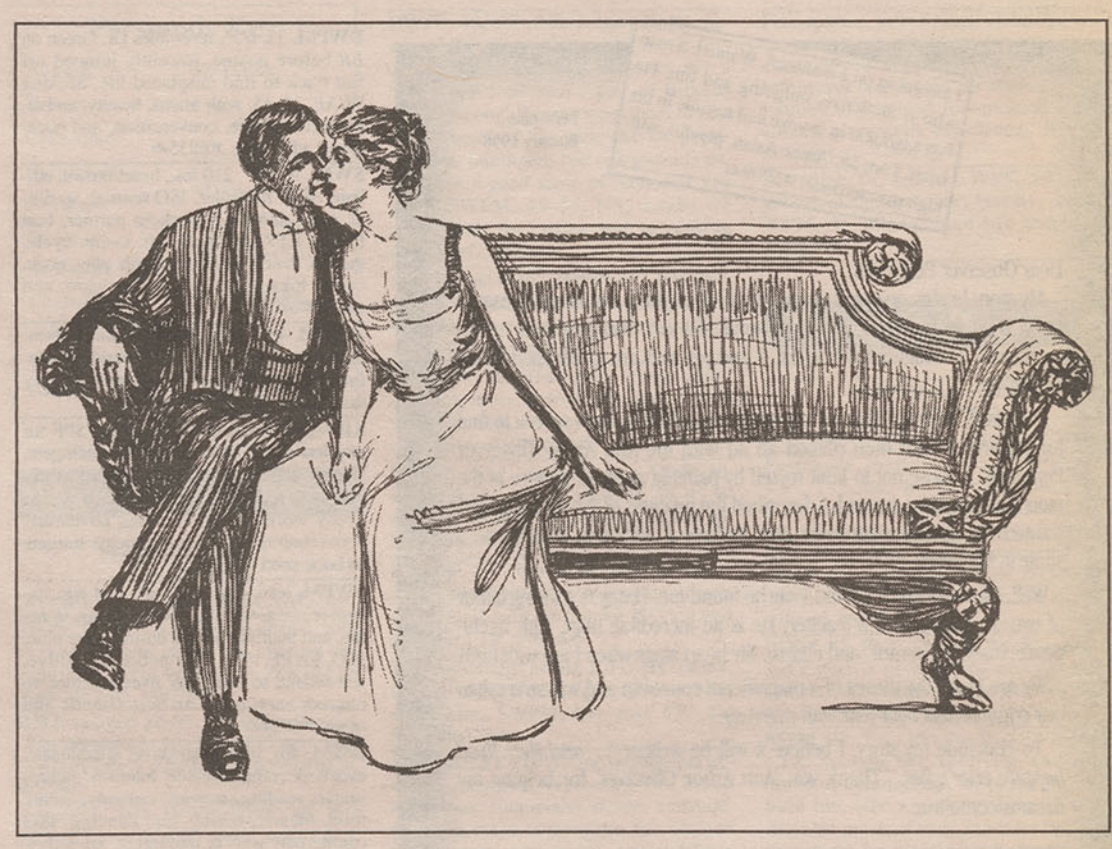

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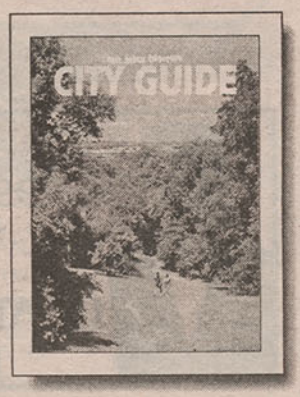

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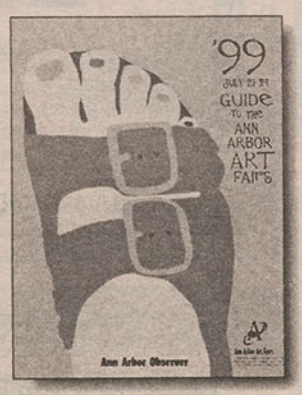

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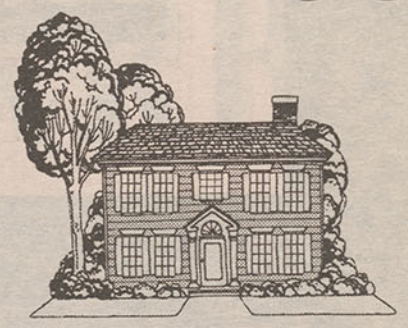

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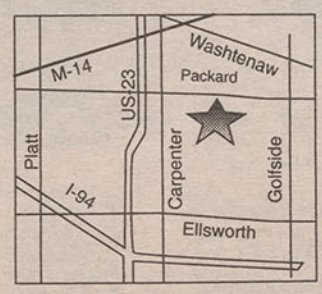

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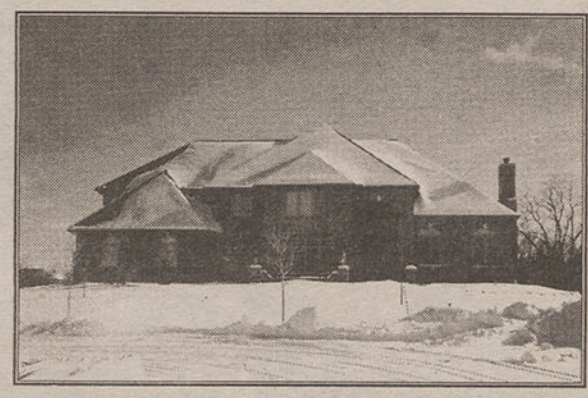

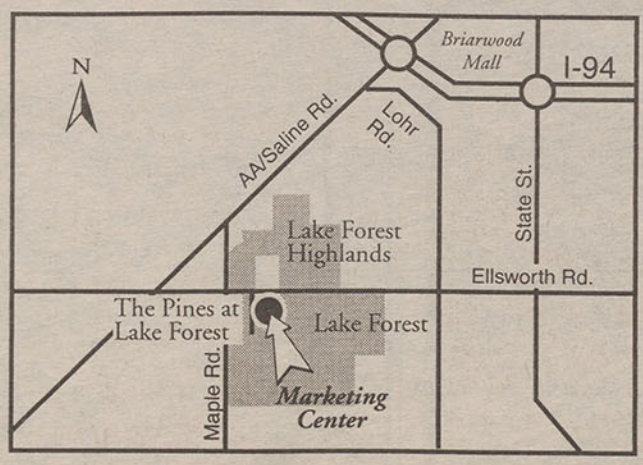

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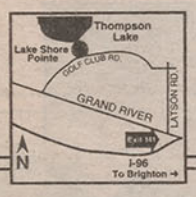

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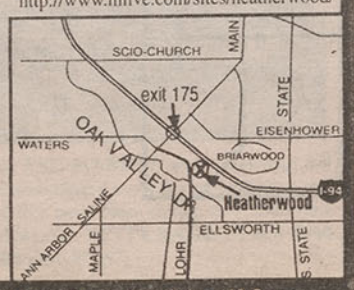

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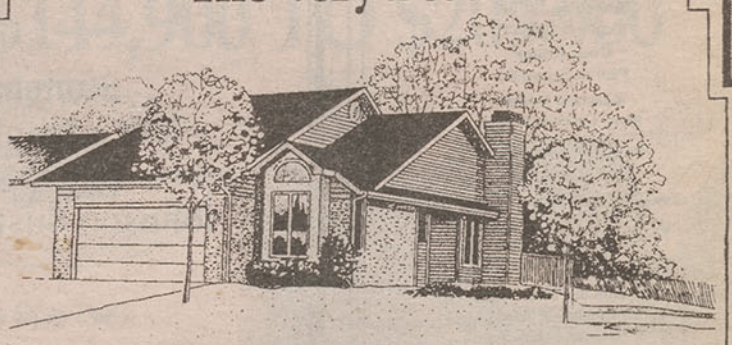

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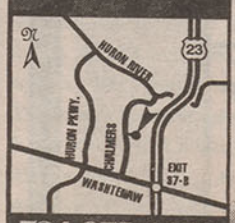

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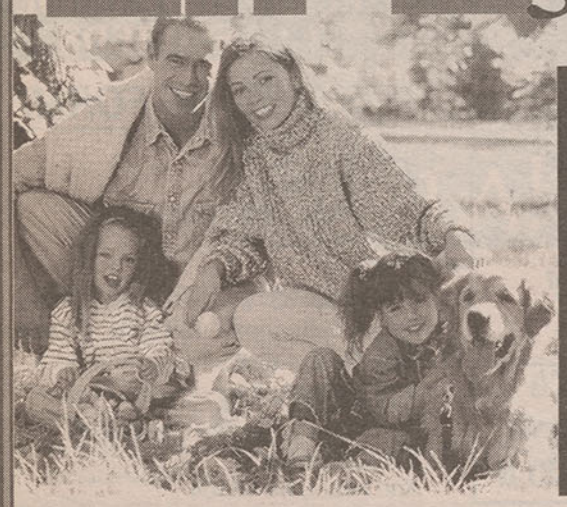

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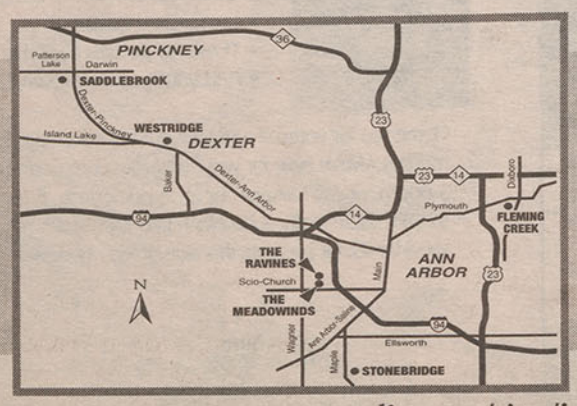

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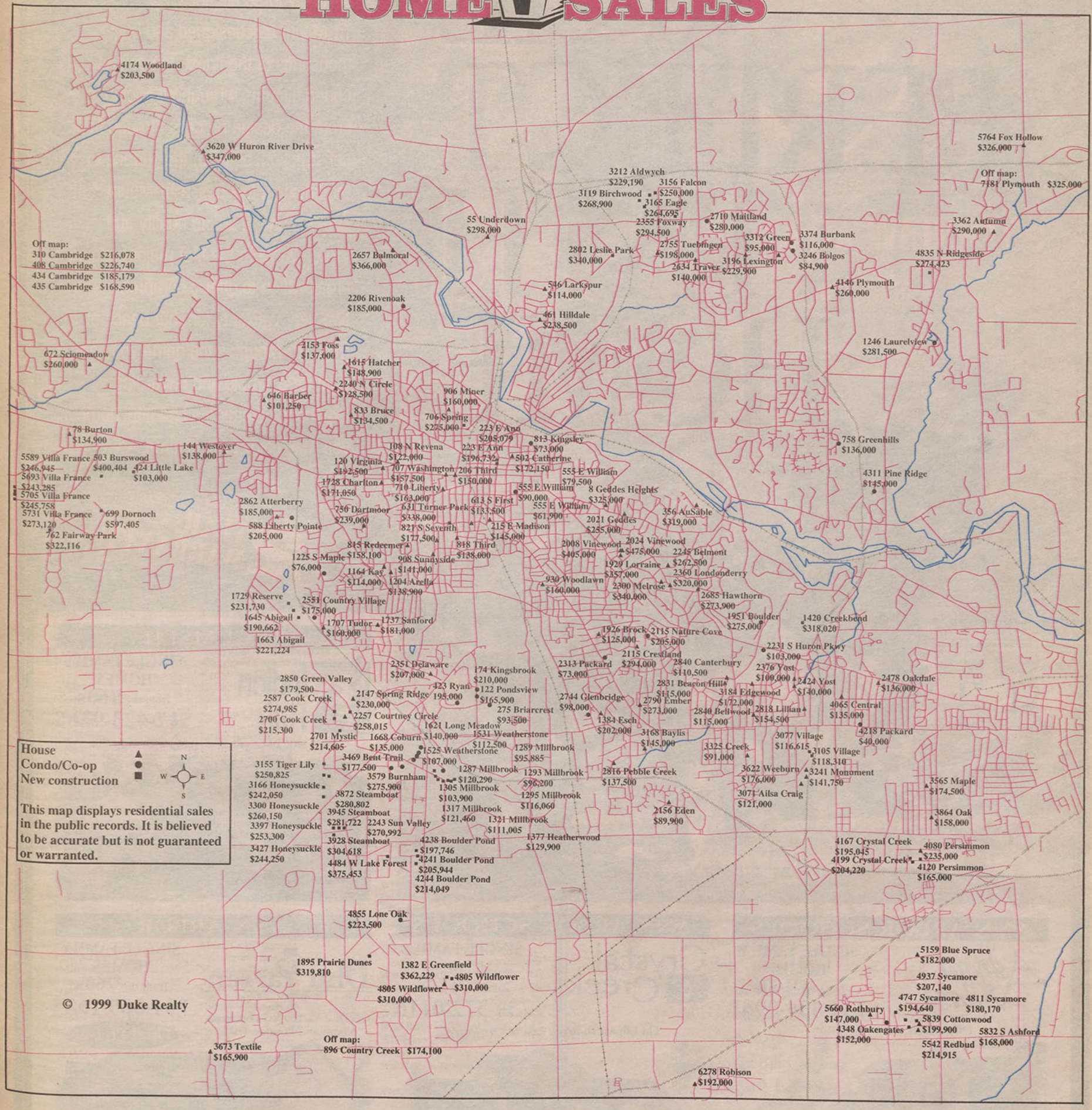


Home sales set another record in 1998. The Home Sales Map tracked a total of 2,660 sales last year, leapfrogging 1997's tally by 6 percent. At $538 million, dollar volume was up even more—11 percent—thanks largely to jumps in new construction.

New homes and condos attracted 29 percent of Ann Arbor's home buyers. New construction was up 17 percent for the year, with 775 sales worth $173 million. Single-family homes made up most of that total, with 515 units selling for $130 million. New single-families accounted for 24 percent of total local sales, a third higher than the national average of 18 percent.

The mean price of a new single-family home surged to $252,000 locally, up 13 percent over 1997. The median sale price (half cost more, half cost less) was $236,000. New homes averaged 2,446 square feet and cost $103 per square foot of living space.

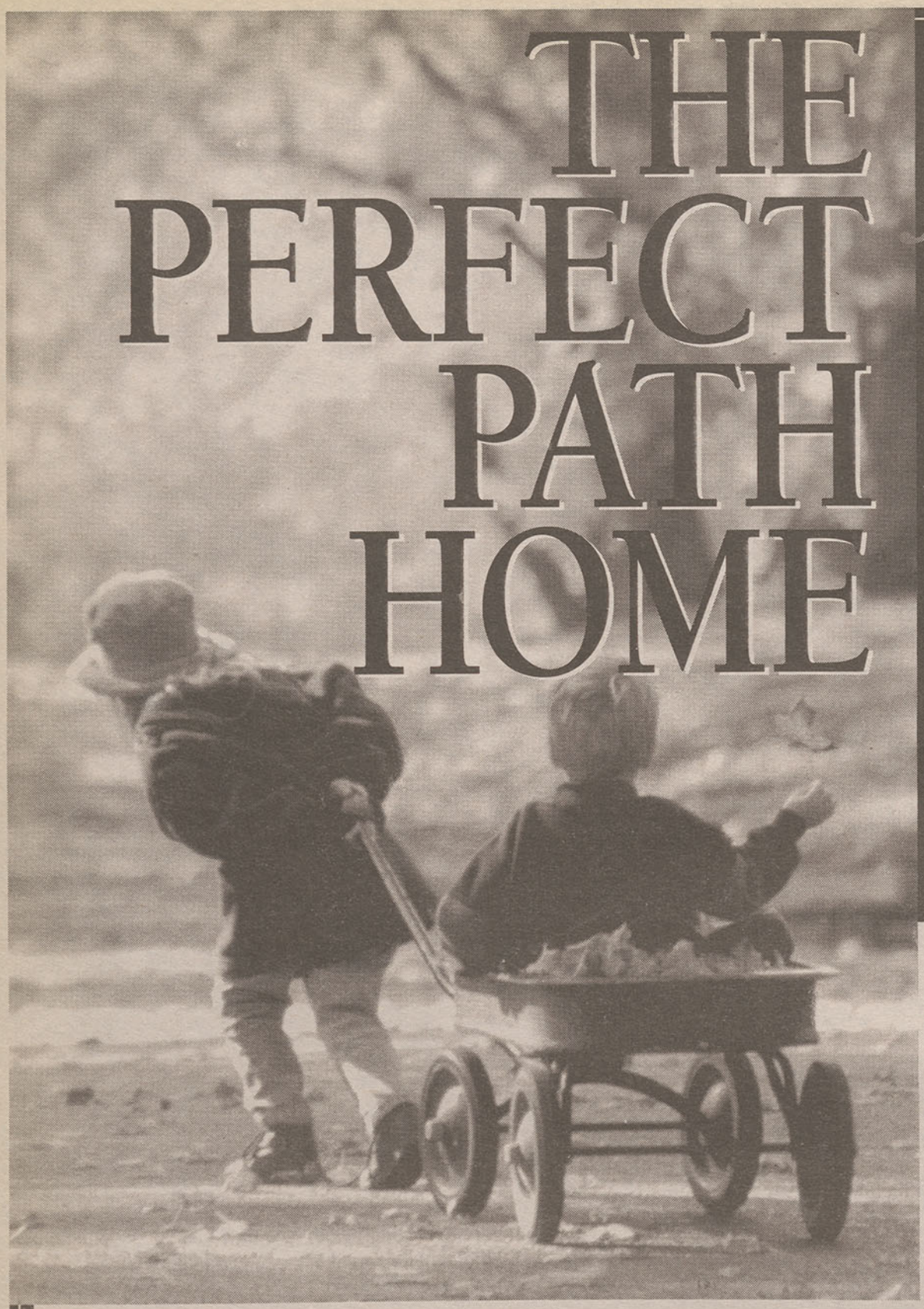
Resale prices of existing homes were stable. The 1,480 previously owned single-families fetched a mean price of $208,000, up just 3 percent from 1997, and the median sale actually slipped—to $182,000 from $183,000. Single-family resales averaged 1,869 square feet and sold for $113 per square foot of living space. The most expensive property sold last year—a 6,000-square-foot home built in 1991 on an acre off Geddes Road in Ann Arbor Township—went for $1.2 million.

Condo resale prices jumped 16 percent over 1997. In all, 405 condos were resold, at a mean price of $139,700. The median condo resale was $126,000.

The average home was assessed at 41 percent of its sales price. The statutory target is 50 percent. At the extremes, 4125 Earhart in Ann Arbor Township was taxed at just 19 percent of its sale price, while 2317 Manchester in Ann Arbor was assessed at 81 percent.

Realtors sold 1,650 homes and condominiums, or 62 percent of all sales. At an average commission of 6 percent, their $347 million in volume was rewarded by a $21 million payday.

—Kevin Duke



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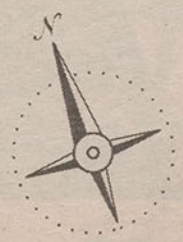

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I SPY

by Sally Bjork

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roof of slate:
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a presence great.

Some find grace
within this place;
Others, whistling,
onward race.

Are you able
To spot this gable?

I Spy! is a new monthly contest that invites you to identify glimpses of Ann Arbor. Use the riddle and image to find the scene, and send us the answer at the address below. We'll select one winner to receive a copy of the latest edition of *Historic Buildings: Ann Arbor, Michigan,* by Marjorie Reade and Susan Wineberg.

FAKE AD

by Jay Forstner

More than ninety entrants correctly identified January's Fake Ad for Levtoffer's Restaurant (p. 32); the magic word, "arborweb," was in alphanumeric code in the phone number. But an alarming number of people submitted incorrect entries—twenty-nine, including twenty-four who took the ad for Verio (p. 29) to be a fraud.

Since Verio is a website service firm, and since so many of you don't believe it exists, we can't help wondering whether the Internet really is the CB radio of the 1990s and the celebrated Internet stock bubble is about to burst. Just to be sure, we sold all our shares of Amazon as soon as the incorrect entries flooded in.

Nancy Moncrieff's entry, pulled at random from the correct ones, picked Levtoffer's, not Verio or any of our other fine, paying advertisers. She'll be taking her gift certificate to Sweet Lorraine's.

To enter February's contest, identify the Fake Ad by name and page number and let us know at the address below. The winner of our monthly drawing will receive a $25 gift certificate to any business advertising in this issue.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Dance events this month include *Furioso,* performed by the Meryl Tankard Dance Theater at the Power Center Feb. 19 & 20; "Sounddance," by the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, at the Power Center Feb. 13; and Nubia Safiya Tsekani performing for the Matthaei Botanical Gardens' Out of Africa exhibit Sunday, Feb. 7.

A capsule guide to selected major events in February. See p. 45 for a complete listing of this month's Gallery, Band, and Events reviews. Daily events listings also begin on p. 45.

Festivals, Fairs, & Shows

- Ayn Rand Birthday Party, Feb. 4
- City Winter Carnival, Feb. 5–7
- U-M Museum of Art "Art-Full Garden Party," Feb. 6
- U-M Matthaei Garden's "Out of Africa: Plants from the African American Experience," Feb. 6 & 7, 13 & 14
- Spinners' Flock Fleece Fair, Feb. 6
- White-tailed deer hunters "Big Rack Night," Feb. 6
- Scottish Association "Burns Supper," Feb. 13
- Ice Carving Extravaganza, Feb. 13
- Victorian Valentine Tea, Feb. 13 & 14
- Washtenaw Community College Mardi Gras, Feb. 13
- Blue Heaven 1920s Ball, Feb. 13
- Old St. Pat's Catholic Church Lenten Fish Fry, Feb. 19 & 26
- Faces of Nigeria, Feb. 20
- Chinese New Year Celebration, Feb. 20
- Wild Game Dinner, Feb. 21
- Railroad Club Winter Spectacular, Feb. 21
- Ann Arbor Record Show, Feb. 27
- Jewish Community Center "Masked Mania Purim Night," Feb. 27

Family & Kids' Stuff

- Hands-On Museum's physics demos, Feb. 6
- U-M Exhibit Museum "Bread" Discovery Day, Feb. 6
- Two of a Kind children's concert, Feb. 7
- Purim Family Fun Night, Feb. 16
- *The Firebird* (Wild Swan Theater), Feb. 19–21
- The Ark "Storytelling Weekend" children's concert, Feb. 28

Classical & Religious Music

- Bandoneon player Peter Soave plays Astor Piazzolla, Feb. 6
- Composer George Crumb & the U-M School of Music Contemporary Directions Ensemble, Feb. 6
- Bass-baritone Solomon Soloviev, Feb. 7
- American String Quartet, Feb. 7
- University Philharmonia Orchestra, Feb. 9
- Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 12
- Ann Arbor Civic Theater "Evening of Cabaret," Feb. 12 & 13
- Gospelfest, Feb. 13
- Kerrytown Concert House "Music in Freud's Vienna," Feb. 13
- Kerrytown Concert House "Valentine's Songfest," Feb. 14
- Violinist Maxim Vengerov, Feb. 14
- Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Feb. 15
- Phoenix Ensemble premiere concert, Feb. 21
- U-M Michigan Chamber Players, Feb. 21
- Ann Arbor Cantata Singers, Feb. 21
- String Trio of New York, Feb. 22
- Michigan Chamber Brass, Feb. 22

Films

- *Naturally Native,* Feb. 7
- *The Bicycle Thief,* Feb. 8
- *A Hard Day's Night,* Feb. 13
- *Rashomon,* Feb. 15
- Ann Arbor Film Festival Sneak Preview, Feb. 17
- U-M Japanese Animation Film Society "Animania," Feb. 20
- *Bab-El-Oued City,* Feb. 24

Conferences & Forums

- U-M "Sustainable Development" lecture series, Feb. 1, 15, & 22
- U-M conference on gender-based censorship, Feb. 5–7

Miscellaneous

- Adult Spelling Bee & Trivia Challenge, Feb. 3
- Kiwanis Rummage Sale, Feb. 5 & 6

Pop, Rock, Blues, & Jazz

- Tish Hinojosa & Sara Hickman (folk-country singer-songwriters), Feb. 5
- Peter Yarrow (folk), Feb. 6
- Phil Woods Quintet (jazz), Feb. 6
- Grey Eye Glances (folk-rock), Feb. 7
- Steve Ferguson & the Midwest Creole Ensemble (Creole R&B), Feb. 11
- Joel Mabus (folkabilly), Feb. 12
- Dick Siegel (singer-songwriter), Feb. 12
- Garnet Rogers (folkie singer-songwriter), Feb. 13
- Strangefolk (folk-rock), Feb. 13
- John Scofield Quartet (jazz), Feb. 18
- Arwulf Arwulf & Sonnenlicht Project (jazz), Feb. 19
- Mose Allison (jazz), Feb. 19 & 20
- "Monsters of A Capella," Feb. 20
- Mr. B's Birthday Bounce (boogie-woogie), Feb. 20
- Jeff Haas Trio (jazz), Feb. 20
- Salif Keita (Afropop), Feb. 20
- Mudhoney (rock 'n' roll), Feb. 26
- Jimmy Dillon Blues Band (blues), Feb. 27
- Michael Smith (folkie singer-songwriter), Feb. 28

Ethnic & Traditional Music

- Altan (Irish), Feb. 2
- Huun-Huur Tu throat singers (Tuvan), Feb. 4
- Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic (Scottish), Feb. 5 & 6
- Phil Cunningham & Aly Bain (Scottish), Feb. 9
- Solas (Celtic), Feb. 19
- Kodo Drummers (Japanese), Feb. 23–25

Theater, Opera, & Dance

- *The Hole* (Purple Rose Theater Company), Feb. 3–7, 10–14, 17–21, & 24–28
- *The Rape of Lucretia* (U-M School of Music), Feb. 4 & 6
- *Private Eyes* (Performance Network), Feb. 4–7, 11–14, 18–21, & 25–27
- *Razzmatazz!* (U-M Dance Company), Feb. 4–7
- *God* (Pioneer High Theater Guild), Feb. 5 & 6
- *Italian Girl in Algiers* (EMU Music Department), Feb. 5 & 6
- *Our Country's Good* (U-M Theater Department), Feb. 11–13
- *Egyptian Rat-Screw* (U-M Basement Arts Theater), Feb. 11–13
- *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (P.T.D. Productions), Feb. 11–14 & 18–20
- Merce Cunningham Dance Company, Feb. 12 & 13
- *The Thousand Names of Love* (Ellipsis Theater Ensemble), Feb. 14
- Impact Dance (U-M Activities Center), Feb. 19 & 20
- Meryl Tankard Australian Dance Theater, Feb. 19 & 20
- *Lost in Yonkers* (Concordia College), Feb. 25–27
- *Company* (Dexter Community Players), Feb. 25–27
- *Kismet* (Comic Opera Guild), Feb. 25–28
- *Harvey* (Orpheus Productions), Feb. 25–28
- *Romeo and Juliet* (Ann Arbor Civic Theater), Feb. 25–28
- *Little Shop of Horrors* (All City Players), Feb. 26–28

Comedy & Performance Art

- Comic Leo DuFour, Feb. 4–6
- Comic Wayne Cotter, Feb. 11–13
- Comic Jim Hamm, Feb. 18–20
- Comic Blake Clark, Feb. 25–27
- The Ark "Storytelling Weekend," Feb. 26–28

Lectures & Readings

- Poet Drachen Birch, Feb. 2
- Novelist Greg Hollingshead, Feb. 2
- Novelist Chitra Banerjee Divakruni, Feb. 3
- Graphic novelist Neil Gaiman, Feb. 5
- Novelist Bret Easton Ellis, Feb. 5
- Poets Joe Matuzak & Josie Kearns, Feb. 8
- Poet & singer-songwriter Suzanne Vega, Feb. 11
- Poet Jimmy Santiago Baca, Feb. 11
- Architectural historian Kenneth Frampton, Feb. 12
- Novelist Jake Lamar, Feb. 12
- Poet Asha Bandele, Feb. 15
- Novelist Robert Boswell, Feb. 18
- Novelist James Ellroy, Feb. 19
- Anti–death penalty activist Sister Helen Prejean, Feb. 22
- Physicist Brian Greene, Feb. 24
- Novelist Frederick Reuss, Feb. 25

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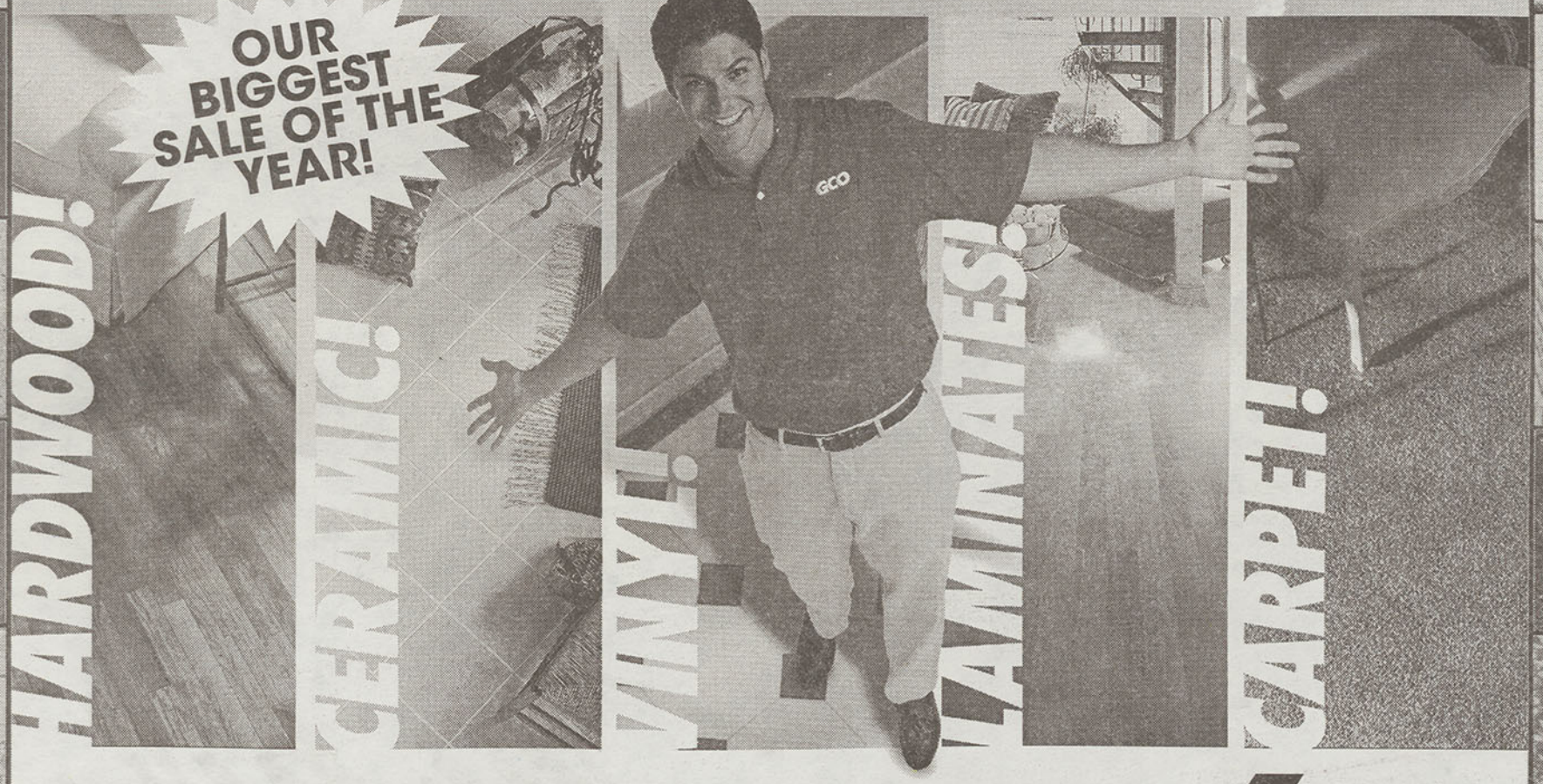

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